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Mr. Dennis R. Young  
1330 Ravenswood Drive SE  
Airdrie, Alberta T4A 0P8

Dear Mr. Young:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act* for:

*"Reference is being made to the RCMP's involvement in the emergency response to the flood in High River, Alberta in June and July of 2013 with particular attention to the Force's unwarranted searches of thousands of High River homes and seizures of firearms, ammunition, magazines, accessories, other weapons, etc.*

*For the period from June 20, 2013 to present (May 20, 2014), please provide copies of all High River reports, briefing notes, and Question Period notes prepared for the Minister (including drafts) and copies of High River correspondence read by the Minister.*

*Please do not include any records classified as media summaries and/or media reports, unless these records were prepared for the purpose of the Minister's response to any questions and/or concerns raised in said media reports and/or summaries."*

The Department of Public Safety Canada has completed the processing of your request. You will note that portions of the information contained in the responsive records has been withheld from disclosure pursuant to section 19(1) [Personal information] of the *Access to Information Act*.

Please be advised that you are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within 60 days of the receipt of this notice. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint should be addressed to:

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada  
30 Victoria Street  
Gatineau, Québec K1A 1H3

Should you require additional information, please contact Joanne Lafrance, the analyst responsible for the processing of your request at [joanne.lafrance@ps-sp.gc.ca](mailto:joanne.lafrance@ps-sp.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Darlene Brock  
Director  
Executive Services

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File No.: PC-2013-2200

March 7, 2014

The Honourable Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Public Safety  
269 Laurier Avenue West  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0P8

Dear Minister:

**Re: Public Interest Investigation (High River)**

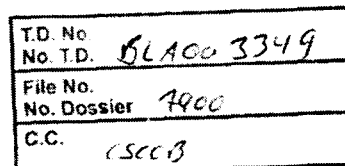
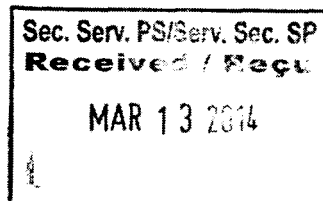
The Commission has received a further public complaint in respect of the above noted issue (attached hereto). Given that it relates to matters currently being canvassed, I am including it within the Commission's existing public interest investigation in respect of this matter.

I have also notified the Commissioner of the RCMP in accordance with the requirements of the *RCMP Act*.

Yours truly,

Ian McPhail, Q.C.

Attach.



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## FORMAL COMPLAINT – PLAINTE OFFICIELLE

NAME / NOM :

CPC FILE NO. /

N° DE DOSSIER DE LA CPP :

CPC CROSS REF. NO. /

N° DE RENVOI DE LA CPP :

COMPLAINT DATE / DATE DE LA PLAINTE :

DAY / JOUR MONTH / MOIS YEAR / ANNÉE

20 December 2013

COMPLAINT MADE / PLAINTE DÉPOSÉE :

☒ BY TELEPHONE / PAR TÉLÉPHONE

☐ BY LETTER OR FAX / PAR  
COURRIER OU PAR TÉLÉCOPIEUR

☐ BY EMAIL / PAR COURRIEL

☐ IN PERSON / EN PERSONNE

ATTACHMENTS ARE IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS / LES PIÈCES  
JOINTES SONT IDENTIFIÉES COMME SUIV :  
None

PREPARED BY COMPLAINTS ANALYST / PRÉPARÉ PAR  
L'ANALYSTE DES PLAINTES :

Chris Beach

DATE COMPLAINT FORWARDED TO RCMP / DATE D'ACHEMINEMENT DE LA PLAINTE À LA GRC :

DAY / JOUR MONTH / MOIS YEAR / ANNÉE

23 December 2013

DIVISION : K

DETACHMENT / DÉTACHEMENT : High River Det

THE SPECIFIC ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT ARE AS FOLLOWS / LES ALLÉGATIONS D'INCONDUITE SONT LES SUIVANTES :

\_\_\_\_\_s complaining about the conduct of an unknown number of unidentified members of the High River RCMP Detachment in June 2013 in that the member(s):

1. damaged \_\_\_\_\_ property to enter \_\_\_\_\_ home;
2. entered and searched \_\_\_\_\_ property without lawful authority;
3. seized and retained property belonging to \_\_\_\_\_ improperly; and
4. unjustly charged \_\_\_\_\_ with firearms offences.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / RENSEIGNEMENTS SUPPLÉMENTAIRES : None

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## COMPLAINT FORM – FORMULAIRE DE PLAINTE

File No: 2013-2200

### COMPLAINANT INFORMATION / RENSEIGNEMENTS AU SUJET DU PLAIGNANT

<b>1. FAMILY NAME / NOM DE FAMILLE :</b> [REDACTED] <b>GIVEN NAME AND INITIAL / PRÉNOM ET INITIALES :</b> [REDACTED]	<b>2. DATE OF BIRTH / DATE DE NAISSANCE :</b> DAY / JOUR      MONTH / MOIS      YEAR / ANNÉE [REDACTED] <b>GENDER: / SEXE :</b> MALE / HOMME      FEMALE / FEMME
<b>3. MAILING ADDRESS / ADRESSE POSTALE :</b> [REDACTED]	<b>4. HOME TEL. / TÉL. MAISON :</b> [REDACTED] <b>BUSINESS TEL. / TÉL. TRAVAIL :</b> <b>CELL / CELLULAIRE :</b> <b>FAX / TÉLÉCOPIEUR :</b> <b>E-MAIL / COURRIEL :</b> <b>CONTACT FOR MESSAGES / POUR LAISSER UN MESSAGE :</b> <b>NAME / NOM :</b> <b>TEL. NUMBER / NUMÉRO DE TÉL. :</b>
<b>5. PREFERRED LANGUAGE OF CORRESPONDENCE / LANGUE DE CORRESPONDANCE PRÉFÉRÉE</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENGLISH / ANGLAIS <input type="checkbox"/> FRANÇAIS / FRENCH	
<b>6. WERE YOU THE PERSON INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT BEING COMPLAINED OF? / L'INCIDENT FAISANT L'OBJET DE LA PLAINTE VOUS CONCERNE-T-IL DIRECTEMENT?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES / OUI <input type="checkbox"/> NO / NON <b>IF NOT, WHAT IS THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE PERSON INVOLVED? / SI NON, QUELS SONT LE NOM ET LES COORDONNÉES DE LA PERSONNE CONCERNÉE?</b>	
<b>7. IF YOU WERE GIVEN A FILE NUMBER BY THE RCMP WITH RESPECT TO THE INCIDENT BEING COMPLAINED OF, PLEASE PROVIDE IT / SI LA GRC VOUS A DONNÉ UN NUMÉRO DE DOSSIER CONCERNANT L'INCIDENT, VEUILLEZ LE FOURNIR</b> RCMP FILE NO. / N° DE DOSSIER DE LA GRC : N/A	
<b>8. DID YOU SIGN A COMPLAINT WITH THE RCMP ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF THE RCMP MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT? / AVEZ-VOUS SIGNÉ UNE PLAINTE À LA GRC AU SUJET DE LA CONDUITE DES MEMBRES DE LA GRC CONCERNÉS?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES / OUI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO / NON <b>IF YES, WHEN AND WHERE DID YOU SIGN THE COMPLAINT? / SI OUI, QUAND ET OÙ L'AVEZ-VOUS SIGNÉE?</b>  <b>DID YOU SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH THE RCMP TO RESOLVE THE COMPLAINT INFORMALLY? / AVEZ-VOUS CONCLU UNE ENTENTE AVEC LA GRC POUR RÉGLER LA PLAINTE À L'AMIABLE?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> YES / OUI <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO / NON	
<b>9. DO YOU WISH THE COMMISSION AND THE RCMP TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH A LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OR AN ADVOCATE INSTEAD OF YOURSELF? IF SO, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FULL NAME, ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF YOUR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OR ADVOCATE / VOULEZ-VOUS QUE LA COMMISSION ET LA GRC COMMUNIQUENT DIRECTEMENT AVEC UN REPRÉSENTANT LÉGAL OU UN PORTE-PAROLE PLUTÔT QU'AVEC VOUS? SI OUI, VEUILLEZ FOURNIR LE NOM AU COMPLET, L'ADRESSE ET LE NUMÉRO DE TÉLÉPHONE DE VOTRE REPRÉSENTANT LÉGAL OU DE VOTRE PORTE-PAROLE</b> N/A <b>MAILING ADDRESS / ADRESSE POSTALE</b> <b>BUSINESS TEL. / TÉL. TRAVAIL</b> <b>FAX / TÉLÉCOPIEUR</b>	
<b>PLEASE NOTIFY THE COMMISSION IF ANY OF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES PRIOR TO THE DISPOSITION OF YOUR COMPLAINT / PRIÈRE D'AVISER LA COMMISSION DE TOUT CHANGEMENT DE COORDONNÉES AVANT QUE VOTRE PLAINTE NE SOIT RÉGLÉE</b>	



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### CIRCUMSTANCES OF COMPLAINT / CIRCONSTANCES DE LA PLAINTE

(COMPLETE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE / FOURNIR AUTANT DE RENSEIGNEMENTS QUE POSSIBLE)

10. DATE OF INCIDENT / DATE DE L'INCIDENT : DAY / JOUR    MONTH / MOIS    YEAR / ANNÉE Unknown    June    2013	11. TIME OF INCIDENT / HEURE DE L'INCIDENT : Unknown	12. CITY AND PROVINCE/TERRITORY OF INCIDENT / LIEU DE L'INCIDENT (PROVINCE/TERRITOIRE, VILLE) : High River, Alberta
13. DESCRIBE ANY INJURIES SUFFERED / DÉCRIRE TOUTE BLESSURE INFLIGÉE N/A		
14. IF PHOTOS WERE TAKEN OF ANY INJURIES, WHO TOOK THE PHOTOS? / LES BLESSURES ONT-ELLES ÉTÉ PHOTOGRAPHIÉES? SI OUI, QUI A PRIS LES PHOTOS? N/A		
15. IF THERE WAS MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR ANY INJURIES, PLEASE PROVIDE THE NAME OF THE DOCTOR AND MEDICAL FACILITY / SI LES BLESSURES ONT ÉTÉ TRAITÉES, VEUILLEZ DONNER LE NOM DU MÉDECIN ET DU CENTRE HOSPITALIER N/A		
16. DESCRIBE ANY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT YOUR COMPLAINT / DÉCRIREZ TOUTE PREUVE À L'APPUI DE VOTRE PLAINTE N/A		

### DETAILS OF COMPLAINT / DÉTAILS DE LA PLAINTE

17. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE INCIDENT AS COMPLETELY AS POSSIBLE (CONTINUE ON ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY) / DÉCRIREZ L'INCIDENT DE FAÇON DÉTAILLÉE (ANNEXEZ D'AUTRES FEUILLES AU BESOIN)  [REDACTED] was forced to evacuate [REDACTED] home in High River, Alberta, in June 2013 due to flooding.  When [REDACTED] returned to his home, [REDACTED] found that a window had been smashed in and some of [REDACTED] property seized by the RCMP. Among the property seized were rifles and a safe. Those items are still being held by the police.  No search warrant was provided and [REDACTED] did not give anyone with permission to enter [REDACTED] home. [REDACTED] was subsequently charged with firearms offences. [REDACTED] was subsequently charged with firearms offences.	
18. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACHIEVE THROUGH THIS COMPLAINT PROCESS? / QUELS OBJECTIFS SOUHAITEZ-VOUS ATTEINDRE EN DÉPOSANT CETTE PLAINTE?  To be determined by the investigator.	
19. THE COMPLAINT IS ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF THE FOLLOWING RCMP MEMBER(S) (CONTINUE ON ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY) / LA PLAINTE VISE LE(S) MEMBRE(S) DE LA GRC SUIVANT(S) (ANNEXEZ D'AUTRES FEUILLES AU BESOIN)	
NAME AND RANK / NOM ET GRADE : Unidentified, Unknown	DETACHMENT / DÉTACHEMENT : High River, Alberta
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NAME AND RANK / NOM ET GRADE :	DETACHMENT / DÉTACHEMENT :
20. WITNESS(ES) (MAY INCLUDE RCMP MEMBERS YOU ARE NOT COMPLAINING ABOUT) (CONTINUE ON ADDITIONAL PAGES, IF NECESSARY) / TÉMOIN(S) (IL PEUT S'AGIR DE MEMBRES DE LA GRC DONT LA CONDUITE NE FAIT PAS L'OBJET DE LA PLAINTE) (ANNEXEZ D'AUTRES FEUILLES AU BESOIN)	
FAMILY NAME / NOM DE FAMILLE : N/A	ADDRESS / ADRESSE :
GIVEN NAME AND INITIAL / PRÉNOM ET INITIALES :	TELEPHONE / TÉLÉPHONE :
RELATIONSHIP TO COMPLAINANT / LIEN AVEC LE PLAIGNANT :	

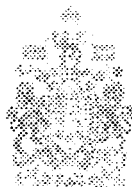
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FAMILY NAME / NOM DE FAMILLE :	ADDRESS / ADRESSE :
GIVEN NAME AND INITIAL / PRÉNOM ET INITIALES :	TELEPHONE / TÉLÉPHONE :
RELATIONSHIP TO COMPLAINANT / LIEN AVEC LE PLAIGNANT :	
<p><b>Note:</b> By submitting the Complaint Form, you are authorizing the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP to collect your personal information. This information is being collected solely for purposes related to Part VII of the <i>RCMP Act</i>. The Complaint Form along with all other relevant documentation may be forwarded to the RCMP for investigation pursuant to subsection 45.35(3) of the <i>RCMP Act</i>. Accordingly, an RCMP complaint investigator may contact you to provide a statement.</p> <p>The information is held in Personal Information Bank CPC PPU 005 and you have a right to access this information in accordance with the <i>Privacy Act</i>.</p> <p><b>Nota :</b> En soumettant le Formulaire de plainte, vous autorisez la Commission des plaintes du public contre la GRC à recueillir vos renseignements personnels. Ces renseignements seront recueillis seulement à des fins reliées au processus prévu à la partie VII de la <i>Loi sur la GRC</i>. Le Formulaire de plainte ainsi que tous les documents pertinents peuvent être acheminés à la GRC pour une enquête en vertu du paragraphe 45.35(3) de la <i>Loi sur la GRC</i>. Par conséquent, un enquêteur de la GRC pourrait vous demander de donner une déclaration.</p> <p>Les renseignements sont conservés dans le fichier de renseignements personnels CPP PPU 005 et vous pouvez y accéder conformément à la <i>Loi sur la protection des renseignements personnels</i>.</p>	
COMPLAINT FORM COMPLETED BY / CE FORMULAIRE A ÉTÉ COMPLÉTÉ PAR: <b>Chris Beach</b>	

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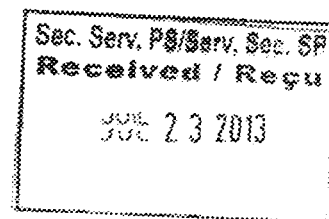
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July 5, 2013

PC-2013-2013

The Honourable Vic Toews, P.C., Q.C., M.P.  
Minister of Public Safety  
269 Laurier Avenue West  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0P8



Dear Minister:

**Re: Complaint of the Interim Chair (High River)**

Please be advised that I have initiated a complaint and public interest investigation (a copy of which is attached for your ease of reference) under subsections 45.37(1) and 45.43(1) of the *RCMP Act*. I have also notified the Commissioner of the RCMP in accordance with the requirements of subsection 45.37(2) of the *RCMP Act*.

Yours truly,

Ian McPhail, Q.C.  
Interim Chair

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## CHAIR-INITIATED PUBLIC COMPLAINT AND PUBLIC COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION

File No.: 2013-2013

### RCMP SEIZURE OF FIREARMS IN HIGH RIVER, ALBERTA

July 5, 2013

As Interim Chair of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP (Commission), I am initiating a complaint and public interest investigation into the conduct of those RCMP members involved in entering private residences and seizing firearms following flooding in High River, Alberta in June and July 2013.

Media reports and the RCMP outlined actions taken by RCMP members in High River following the flooding of the area and the consequential evacuation of its residents. Specifically, public concerns arose following reports that members had entered private residences in the area and seized firearms found within those residences. The Prime Minister's Office equally and publicly expressed concern in respect of the seizures.

In light of the foregoing, pursuant to subsections 45.37(1) and 45.43(1) of the *Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act* (RCMP Act), I am today initiating a complaint and public interest investigation into the conduct of all RCMP members or other persons appointed or employed under the authority of the RCMP Act involved in the activities in High River, Alberta, specifically:

1. whether the RCMP members or other persons appointed or employed under the authority of the RCMP Act involved in entering private residences in High River complied with all appropriate training, policies, procedures, guidelines and statutory requirements;
2. whether the RCMP members or other persons appointed or employed under the authority of the RCMP Act involved in seizing firearms from private residences in High River complied with all appropriate training, policies, procedures, guidelines and statutory requirements, and,
3. whether the RCMP national, divisional and detachment-level policies, procedures and guidelines relating to such incidents are adequate.

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**From:** webmail@ps-sp.gc.ca  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** WEBMAIL: police actions in High River Alberta  
**Date:** June-27-13 9:25:33 PM

**Salutation**  
**First Name**  
**Last Name**  
**Title**  
**Organization**  
**Address**  
**City**  
**Country**  
**Province / State**  
**Postal / Zip Code**  
**Email**

**Subject** police actions in High River Alberta  
**Comments** This story was published in the Calgary Herald  
<http://www.calgaryherald.com/news/alberta/RCMP+seized+High+River+firearms+from+homes+control/8588851/story.html>

DOC # TOW025774

Agency A-RCMP

B.F. 29/07/2013

Signature

Minister

File # MINTOW 7200-W UNC

When did you become aware the RCMP would be forcibly entering evacuated homes and confiscating legal owned firearms?

What will be your response to the Police actions?

I believe the publics trust has been violated. Government must respond.

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**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** June-28-13 4:54 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

[REDACTED]

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister. In your e-mail, you raised an issue that falls within the portfolio of the Honourable Vic Toews, Minister of Public Safety.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully noted. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your message to Minister Toews, for his consideration.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

M. Bredeson  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
for the Prime Minister's Office  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction pour le Cabinet du Premier ministre

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 28 Jun 2013 12:34:50 PM >>>

>>> Subject : RCMP >>>>

I was under the impression that as a Canadian citizen, property owner, tax payer and voter that my family and i had some protections afforded to us under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. I can not begin to tell you how disgusted I am with the manner in which the RCMP is infringing on the rights of my fellow Canadians. They are unlawfully entering and seizing PRIVATE property. As a legal firearms owner, sport shooter and voter I would like to know what Mr Harper's opinion is on this manner.

Thank you  
[REDACTED]



**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** June-28-13 4:28 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

[REDACTED]

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your e-mail regarding the situation in High River.

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Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

M. Bredeson  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
for the Prime Minister's Office  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction pour le Cabinet du Premier ministre

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 28 Jun 2013 01:19:26 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Power abuse by RCMP in High River >>>>

[My apologies for the erroneous subject header in my previous email]

To: The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister

House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON, K1A 0A6  
Dear Mr. Harper,

Recent events in High River, where the RCMP have forced their way into flooded houses and seized firearms, have both saddened and angered me, and I ask for your assistance in three matters:

Launch an inquiry into the events, figure out who is responsible for ordering RCMP officers to illegally enter private citizens' homes, ensure that disciplinary action be taken against those responsible (termination of their employment would be a good start, but I would not exclude further legal action), and that an official apology is delivered to the public by the RCMP;

**Ensure that those firearms be returned to their rightful owners immediately, without undue administrative delay and that any damages done during the seizure be reimbursed;**

**Do whatever it takes to avoid further abuse of power by the RCMP in the future.**

**The behaviour by the RCMP is inexcusable, and should not go by unpunished. If I break into a home and take things I get arrested and trialed. The RCMP should not be judged by different standards.**

**I am extremely upset about this issue, and I would like to hear from you as soon as possible what you will be doing to address my concerns and those of many people around me.**

**Sincerely,**



**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** June-28-13 4:16 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

[REDACTED]

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for the Prime Minister's Office  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction pour le Cabinet du Premier ministre

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 28 Jun 2013 12:04:55 AM >>>

>>> Subject : High River flood evacuation >>>>

Dear Prime Minister Harper,

I am contacting you to express my utter disbelief with what appears to be complete miss management of the evacuation and continued and ongoing banning of residents return to their homes.

I hope that you will use your position to question the status of the situation and to share with your colleagues that the even other unaffected residents of Alberta are ashamed and appalled by the events.

I have no connection with the community however I sympathize with those who have been forced from there homes and the predicament they have been forced to endure.

I believe that the citizens have had there civil rights violated by the actions of the RCMP and the government by the continued banning from there homes.

P.s. I believe that recent reports of RCMP confiscating firearms to be corrupt....this does not seem like a priority or a good use of emergency resources considering the situation and there must be a better use of resources.....I do not support the owning of fire arms however I do believe people's right to own arms out ways the police right to police to burglarize innocent citizens.

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**I would appreciate your response,**

**Sincerely,**



**Sent from my iPad**

**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** June-28-13 4:59 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

[REDACTED]

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 28 Jun 2013 01:11:36 PM >>>

>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - Another RCMP scandal >>>>

Date: 2013/6/28 1:09:19 PM

Name/Nom : [REDACTED]

E-Mail/Adresse électronique : [REDACTED] Address/Adresse : [REDACTED]

City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : ON

Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : Dear Mr. Harper: Once again the RCMP is in the news for abuses heaped on the Canadian people. This morning I noticed a news article which reported that the RCMP in High River had broken into people's homes without warrant and stolen lawfully owned firearms while the homeowners had been evacuated. Mr. Harper, I am asking you to find out why the personal property rights of people in this country are being trampled on in High River. This is an unbelievable abuse of our own citizens. No one will ever know if these police officers also seized other valuables such as cash or jewelry since the owners were not even in the home. These firearms must be returned to their owners without penalty or question with an unequivocal public apology regardless of whether they can "prove" ownership or not. How on earth can they prove ownership if their paperwork has been washed away? I look forward to your prompt response. [REDACTED]

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**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** June-28-13 4:21 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

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Executive Correspondence Officer  
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Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction pour le Cabinet du Premier ministre

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 28 Jun 2013 01:45:46 PM >>>

>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - Police State tactics in High River Alberta >>>>

Date: 2013/6/28 1:43:33 PM

Name/Nom : [REDACTED]

E-Mail/Adresse électronique : [REDACTED] Address/Adresse : [REDACTED] City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : AB Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : Why are you not stopping the police state tactics that are going on in High River Alberta? I think when people's homes are being broken into by the government's police force our rights as citizens are in serious jeopardy and we should all fear for our safety and freedom. It is time you stepped in and stopped this violation of citizen's rights.



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**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 28 Jun 2013 11:48:07 AM >>>

>>> Subject : RCMP criminal behavior Alberta >>>>

Dear Prime Minister Harper

I am writing to express my shock and disbelief that the RCMP have, without warrant broken into homes in High River and stolen legally owned firearms. Knowing your governments position on this issue I truly believe the RCMP were acting alone. Clearly this criminal behavior makes a mockery of our Charter rights and conjures up visions of countries ruled by unsavory regimes lacking a functioning judicial system like the one we have in Canada. I always believed the bureaucracy kept a copy of the registry data your government wisely ordered destroyed. This confirms my worst suspicions as the RCMP only broke into homes with guns. How did they know without a copy of the registry data? Further demanding owners provide proof of ownership before their stolen firearms are returned has a distinct odor to it. It reeks of the RCMP trying to justify a return to the registration of all firearms. I trust that your next Minister of Public Safety will have what it takes to ensure those responsible are removed from their positions of authority as they have clearly abused it. I remain hopeful you will be able to return the RCMP to the respected force they once were before that infamous barn burning fiasco in Quebec.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 28 Jun 2013 12:41:49 AM >>>

>>> Subject : RCMP conduct in High River AB >>>>

Mr. Harper,

I am writing this email to express my concern and disgust regarding the actions of the RCMP in the devastated town of High River. The Calgary Herald reported today that the RCMP has seized firearms from evacuated homes in High River. The poor citizens of this town are not being allowed in to see the damages or evaluate the situation in order to make long term plans in the case of complete loss. Meanwhile the RCMP is essentially breaking into private homes and illegally confiscating legally owned property with no cause and no right. I feel absolutely ill reading the news paper. I feel violated by these actions and I'm not even a resident of High River. These people have lost everything and the government, police, and the city officials are treating them like children. Look at Calgary, look at Bragg Creek, those communities were allowed back and the people banded together and helped each other and helped the authorities. great things have happened in those communities. What is happening in High River is unacceptable. This is peoples lives and livelihood's that the authorities are messing with and playing political games with. It MUST stop. The federal government has to weigh in and control the political shenanigans that are taking place.

Its a sad day to be a Canadian today, to read of the RCMP breaking down doors to gain entry to evacuated homes in order to confiscate legally owned firearms.

Thank You,

[REDACTED]

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Signature Minister
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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 28 Jun 2013 01:46:51 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Gun seizures in High River Alberta >>>>

Dear Prime Minister Harper, Premier Redford and relevant honourable MP's and MLA's:

As a resident of [REDACTED] a long time PC supporter both Provincially and Federally, and a taxpaying Canadian I have to admit that it pains me greatly to have to even write this letter.

I have heard via the media several reports of a unwarranted seizure of firearms in the recently flooded community of High River Alberta.

I do not believe I am alone in my appreciation for the work done on behalf of Canadians by all of the public servants in aiding the community of High River in this time of need. But I also believe that during these situations of stress and tribulations for affected Albertans, the responsibility of government of remain vigilant and considerate of peoples personal rights an property is still paramount.

Public opinion would likely support a effort to look to houses to ensure public safety of any occupants, but I think the same public would be very adamant in their opposition to the seizure of personal property. Particularly when optics suggest that it is done under the auspice of public safety. This is not New Orleans - we see significant differences in how well we treat each other every day.

There are several things that come to mind. The first is to what specific rationale is this being carried out (especially given the heightened demand for resources considering there is a unprecedented natural disaster)?

Also - who specifically gave the orders for this type of activity?

In the interest of public safety has several specific fatal flaws in the logic. If the reports are true, some firearms were properly stored with trigger locks in a locked domicile. The addition of flood water would actually make them less obtainable, unless of course there is a distinct desire for them to be taken.

How were these houses chosen? Was there information (eg. PAL/POL information) used to isolate specific target homes to be searched?

One report suggested the RCMP seized these firearms because of their value. Were other valuables seized?

Another suggests it was for public safety. Were other threats to public safety seized?

I would hope that as this situation unfolds, that the truth of the whole situation comes to the forefront.

Firearms owners are not criminals by default. It is time for the fear and persecution towards gun owners (and all Canadians) to stop. Canadians deserve better. Alberta deserves better and the affected folks of High River deserve better.

Please right this injustice and restore some faith in our police, the military and Government. The nation is watching.

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 28 Jun 2013 03:50:42 PM >>>

>>> Subject : SPAM: High River guns >>>>

PM Harper,

I strongly suggest that you should concentrate your efforts on doing your own job, and leave the job of looking after the safety of the public with the RCMP. I have full confidence that guns removed from homes in High River were taken for valid reasons, and will be returned in due course, and only after due process. The RCMP know the laws they act upon.

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**From:** Toews.Vic  
**Sent:** July-02-13 8:57 AM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FW: High River RCMP gun seizure

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**From:** Toews, Vic - Riding 18 [<mailto:vic.toews.c1b@parl.gc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2013 4:06 PM  
**To:** Toews.Vic  
**Subject:** FW: High River RCMP gun seizure

PS – not sure if this is a constituent.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2013 1:28 PM  
**To:** Toews, Vic - Riding 1  
**Subject:** High River RCMP gun seizure

Hello,

This story is very troubling!

The RCMP are under your department in some sense, I believe.

This breaking into private homes during a disaster and removing items is beyond the pale.

It must be rectified immediately, and those who ordered it, must be made to account.

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**From:** [vic.toews@parl.gc.ca](mailto:vic.toews@parl.gc.ca) [<mailto:vic.toews@parl.gc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2013 4:05 PM  
**To:** Toews.Vic  
**Subject:** FW: Gun seizures

FYI

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** June 28, 2013 4:04 PM  
**To:** Toews, Vic - M.P.  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Gun seizures

Dear Minister Toews;

I was shocked to hear that the RCMP broken into homes in High River Alberta and seized firearms that were removed from basements to avoid flood damage. Most of these homes were locked so my question is – what right does Canada's national police force to commit "Break and Enter" and steal firearms from secure locked homes. Has Martial Law been declared? Those RCMP officers involved deserve to be charged under the criminal code. Once again the RCMP have demonstrated their anti-gun agenda and need to be reined in.  
Respectfully;

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**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** July-02-13 10:01 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

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>>> From [REDACTED] Received : 28 Jun 2013 12:40:10 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Firearms seizures in High River >>>>

Dear sirs:

I don't really get riled up about too much in the world today, but seizures of firearms from homes of evacuated high river residents has definitely crossed a line. This is so wrong on so many levels. Gun control should be way down on the priority list in a town that has been devastated by floods. Obviously there was no respect for people's property or privacy. Police used the excuse of public safety to enter homes and search them. We are not a police state but a democracy-last time I checked. This needs to be corrected with full apologies to affected people.

High River is being handled badly.

Get major infrastructure operational, allow people in to at least start clearing their homes during daylight hours. No one cares if a local hardware store is open or not. Risk to property and community is rapidly eclipsing public safety risk.

The longer you keep people out the higher the probability they will walk away from their assets with devastating results to community rebuilding. Small business will fold. U.S statistics show that 50% of small businesses do not re-open after events like this. The longer people are held back from re-building the higher that percentage is going to be.

I'm waiting to go help with the clean-up efforts, but my guess is that I won't be allowed in to help because I live in a neighboring town. Instead, I'll be met with a spike belt when I arrive with my tools and an honest desire to help. You need boots on the ground to clean up and help rebuild.

Give the people of High River some respect, by allowing them to assess risk to their safety and property. Next time High River floods you can be certain that there will be a lot more people willing to risk personal safety and stay put because they will remember how this flood was handled. I know I will.

**From:** Scheewe, Nathan  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FW: Constituent inquiry  
**Date:** July-02-13 12:07:53 PM

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Please respond and cc the MP.

**From:** Gerry Ritz MP Office [mailto:ritzg@sasktel.net]  
**Sent:** July-02-13 12:07 PM  
**To:** Scheewe, Nathan  
**Subject:** re: Constituent inquiry

Hi Nathan,

Trust you had a great long weekend!

Could you please put this e-mail forward for response from your correspondence unit? I know the PM condemned this action by the RCMP, however, if Minister Toews has something further on this it would be appreciated.

Thanks very much!

Best regards,



**Office of the Hon.Gerry Ritz, PC, MP**  
**Battlefords-Lloydminster**  
**Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food**

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 30, 2013 11:11 PM  
**To:** [stephen.harper@parl.gc.ca](mailto:stephen.harper@parl.gc.ca); Gerry Ritz; [garry.breitkreuz.a1@parl.gc.ca](mailto:garry.breitkreuz.a1@parl.gc.ca); [cheryl.gallant@parl.gc.ca](mailto:cheryl.gallant@parl.gc.ca); [vic.toews@parl.gc.ca](mailto:vic.toews@parl.gc.ca)  
**Subject:** High River

What the RCMP are doing in High River is outrageous. Its their job to make sure everybody is out safely and the nobody is looting, not themselves breaking into peoples homes and taking their belongings. This kind of assault on legal firearm owners needs to stop. The

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B.F. 16/07/2013
Signature Minister
File # MINTOW 7100-4 UNC



RCMP needs to concentrate their resources on going after criminals and stop hassling the regular citizen.

I applaud your government for getting rid of the registry, but so much more needs to be done. Please get rid of the whole firearms act and start over.

I have been a supporter of your government both in vote and money. But I really need to see more results in this area.



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**From:** Toews.Vic  
**Sent:** July-02-13 9:41 AM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FW: Is The Long Gun Registry Really Destroyed?

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**Sent:** Friday, June 28, 2013 11:00 AM  
**To:** Toews.Vic  
**Subject:** FW: Is The Long Gun Registry Really Destroyed?

FYI

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** June 28, 2013 10:50 AM  
**To:** Toews, Vic - M.P.  
**Subject:** Is The Long Gun Registry Really Destroyed?

Dear Editor and Minister Toews,

The recent seizure of guns from High River, AB by RCMP was eye opening to all of us "Law Abiding Citizens".

Premier Redford did point out that "I think what we need to understand is these are exceptional circumstances," says the premier, adding the gun snatching move was talked about for other places. "In an emergency situation we need to have our police ensuring there is law and order."

Maybe so, but if Law Abiding Citizens aren't breaking the law, why must their guns, and others if Premier Redford plans to clean up other towns to ensure law and order?

This brings me to my particular experience with the "destroyed" Long Gun Registry.

Two months ago, I had to contact the RCMP due to a situation in my home. After giving my name and address, the Constable on the other end of the line asked if both of my rifles were locked in an approved cabinet, and I said they were. Once all the details were given about my situation, I hung up and waited for the Police to arrive.

That's when it dawned on me: How did the police know that I had two long guns? I didn't question the policeman who came on the call but it really has been nagging me since.

And then High River happened and the RCMP went house to house picking up guns. Why would they go into the homes if they were vacant and why does the owners need to provide identification to retrieve their guns?

And WHY do the RCMP know I have two rifles?

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**From:** Scheewe, Nathan  
**Sent:** July-03-13 9:58 AM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FW: RCMP Actions in High River

**From:** Anders, Rob - Riding 1B [<mailto:Rob.Anders.C1B@parl.gc.ca>]  
**Sent:** July-02-13 12:20 PM  
**To:** Scheewe, Nathan  
**Subject:** FW: RCMP Actions in High River

Hi Nathan,

Can you forward this to your correspondence unit?

Thanks,

Calgary West  
Rob Anders, MP  
Tel: 403.292.6666 Fax: 403.292.6670  
11 Spruce Centre SW, Calgary, AB T3C 3B3  
Email: [Rob.Anders.c1b@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Rob.Anders.c1b@parl.gc.ca)

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** June-28-13 4:56 PM  
**To:** RobAnders@telus.net  
**Subject:** RCMP Actions in High River

Dear Mr. Anders,

What in the hell is going on down there? I am so angry that the RCMP are breaking into homes and stealing their property right now that I could spit!

One member even mentioned to a civilian that the LGR would be referenced in order to return the firearms. WTF!!

The anti gun agenda within this failing institution has been evident for many years now but this is just too much.

Those responsible for these criminal acts must be punished accordingly and then terminated all the way up the chain of command.

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**From:** Toews.Vic  
**Sent:** July-03-13 2:25 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you for giving notice to RCMP re: High River

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 03, 2013 1:30 PM  
**To:** Toews.Vic  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you for giving notice to RCMP re: High River

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FYI

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** July 3, 2013 1:25 PM  
**To:** Harper, Stephen - P.M.  
**Cc:** [joe.oliverc1@parl.gc.ca](mailto:joe.oliverc1@parl.gc.ca); Toews, Vic - M.P.  
**Subject:** Thank you for giving notice to RCMP re: High River

Dear Prime Minister Harper,

I applaud you for standing up for the residents of High River Alberta and for all fellow Canadians. Thank you for reminding an out-of-control and unaccountable police force of what their responsibilities are and that they exist to serve the citizenry. Thank you for your leadership.

What the RCMP reportedly did to High River flood victims was so profoundly wrong for so many reasons.

The news reports of RCMP Officers breaking into homes and confiscating firearms was disturbing and disappointing. (News was made worse by reports that the Canadian Armed Forces personnel were complicit in these acts).

How would one be able to trust and respect the RCMP again? They have treated those whom they've sworn to serve and to protect with disrespect and disdain. Officers reportedly became burglars of the homes of evacuated flood victims and bullies to displaced residents at the spike-belted access roadways. All this took place while residents were coping with the shock of losing livelihoods, possessions, and homes. It's kicking one when they are down.

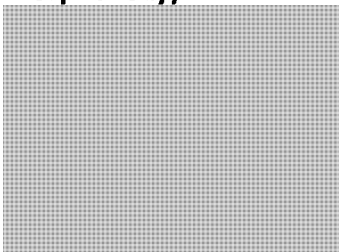
I believe all seized property should be returned immediately, -no questions asked. Any damage (doors, windows, gun cabinets, firearms, etc) caused by the police break-ins should be repaired and

paid for by the RCMP. There should be a full *independent* investigation with charges laid against officers accordingly. Premier Redford and the RCMP Commissioner should apologize to: the High River Community, Albertans, and all Canadians; with a promise that such rogue, and if so determined, criminal activity will never happen again. Premier Redford must show leadership by calling for a Judicial Inquiry.

My heart goes out to the residents of flood ravaged Alberta. It's unfortunate how my fellow Canadians were treated by an RCMP they trusted, relied upon, and paid for. Why would anyone, ever again, obey an order to evacuate knowing the local authorities pose such a threat to their personal & private property? Across Canada, I feel it will be a long time before the RCMP will regain lost trust. Shame on the RCMP!

Thank you again Prime Minister for speaking up. Thank you for your leadership in the face of the flooding. Thank you for the start to reigning-in a constabulary that sees itself above the law. You make us proud.

Respectfully,



Copied:

Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Natural Resources, Member of Parliament for Eglinton-Lawrence.  
Honourable Vic Toews, Minister for Public Safety

**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** webmail@ps-sp.gc.ca  
**Sent:** July-04-13 11:42 AM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** WEBMAIL: RCMP Actions in High River, AB

**Salutation**  
**First Name**  
**Last Name**  
**Title**  
**Organization**  
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**City**  
**Country**  
**Province /**  
**State**  
**Postal / Zip**  
**Code**  
**Email**  
**Subject** RCMP Actions in High River, AB  
**Comments** Good Morning Mr. Toews,

If you were wondering about a great chance to stand up and do something great - here is your chance.

The residents in High River need you now.

The RCMP entering homes and seizing weapons is unacceptable.

The RCMP using military style checkpoints and spike strips to prevent people from returning to their homes is insane.

My heart is broken for the people of High River. The RCMP kicking them when they are down is the last straw. Your office and your government must stand against these civil rights violations.

Please, help the residents of High River and bring justice to the RCMP members who abused their powers and removed them of their rights as citizens of Canada.



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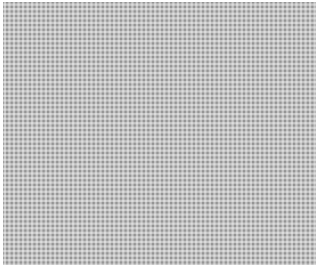
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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jun 29 2013 2:10:48 PM >>>

The activities of the RCMP at High River are despicable. It is beyond my understanding how you as a person and your government can sit by and allow this to happen. You are failing everything good people stand for by allowing this to go on unabated and unpunished. I am appalled.



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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jun 28 2013 10:24:46 AM >>>

Dear Mr Prime Minister and other PC members:

It has come to the firearms community and all people of Canada that the actions of the RCMP of break and enter and illegal confiscation of firearms/ Theft from the good people of High River Alberta is not only a guise but is illegal in all forms and MR Toews justifying it by stating it is for public safety is a bunch of crap!

Seeing Toews wants to go, please give him a sincere boot in the arse on his way out and replace him with someone more capable of serving all Canadians.

I hope Mr Prime minister you can intervene and do something about this nonsense.  
The RCMP keep lying to the public telling us they want public support and building bridges for tomorrow and so forth, there actions shown prove they have done exactly the opposite and as such good luck getting public support.

If you (MR. PM) were to intervene at this time you would gain much public support.  
Thank you kindly for your time,

[REDACTED]

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Comments/Commentaires : Dear Prime Minister: Please help us to get our confiscated property Back. We are very happy you helped other Calgarians to get their guns back. PLEASE HELP US TO GET OUR PROPERTY TAKEN BY CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jun 28 2013 8:28:16 PM >>>

Dear Stephen Harper,

I demand that you not comment on RCMP actions, recovering guns that have been left in the open, and protecting peoples' safety in the process.

You have no right to make such careless comments.

I ask that you apologize to the RCMP and the officers who put themselves out on the line for our safety, and stop with the criticism of their actions.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jun 28 2013 9:31:11 PM >>>

Just how old and experienced are you people? Please tell me of any major disaster anywhere in the world in which houses and businesses which have been affected by natural disasters - such as in High River - were not looted and valuables stolen. Certainly guns taken out of locked facilities as required by law and moved to hopefully higher and drier ground, were taken by the RCMP to make sure they were not stolen and subsequently used.

For Pity's Sake can't you ever use even a smidgen of common sense instead of 'protecting the rights of legitimate gun owners' by ordering they be returned before the premises are occupied by the rightful owners. Of course they will be returned to them. Otherwise the owners have no place to store them and certainly they won't be welcome at any flood shelter.

I find it unbelievable how few of you - or any of you for that matter - have lived for 10 minutes in the real world. Sharpen up and quit politicizing every situation for your gain. You only look completely foolish and that won't help you two years down the road in the next election. Let's handle today's crisis and let the election look after itself. After all in the last one the Prime Minister didn't bother to announce the Conservative Platform until precisely one week before election day. I found that insulting.

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Prime Minister's Office

It is rather scary that the Prime Minister's Office comments on the actions of the RCMP.  
The RCMP were doing their job, searching for victims, securing evacuated houses and protecting the public.

If a looter had got hold of one of those unsecured weapons, people would be saying why did the RCMP not do something.

The PMO sounds like it is condoning illegal and unsafe storage of weapons, which I am sure is not the case.



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Province : ON Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : The RCMP deserves to be congratulated for temporarily seizing guns that were left unsecured in homes in High River. These seizures were a very positive public service. The Government should be actively discouraging private ownership of firearms as a basic policy. We need only look to the United States to observe the disastrous public safety consequences of widespread ownership of firearms. [REDACTED]  
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Comments/Commentaires : That is a very good idea to apprehend loose guns due to risk of looting.No telling who might get those guns.



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Comments/Commentaires : As a resident of high river I humbly request your intercession in the nightmare of unbelievable misery being inflicted on the residents. How can such tactics be used in a so called free country. Our legally elected MLA has been shut out of meetings. Older residents have their life savings tied up in these properties. Please help as no one else will.

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Something smells very bad.....I have been considering whats been going on with High River.

I have said.....the RCMP could not have removed all the long guns etc with out ..1)..technology or 2) the long gun registry.or 3) destruction of property in search [sledgehammers] ...I know people there...I didn't realize I knew so many until this event. They are saying the same thing...my gun case is hidden and disguised..without specific information it cannot be found..not by a burglar not my the police...

I have said I think maybe the RCMP did not delete the long gun registry.

There is a much more disturbing possibility...that you and the government did not get rid of the registry data..just lied to Canadians

that you did...its been kept in full.

Some one is lying > !! Either the RCMP did not delete the registry or you the government did not.

The only other possibility is the RCMP went through every home in High River with metal detectors and sledge hammers we will hear property owners \start saying ..the flood did not do this damage...

Mr Prime Minister..if it's true that you lied about deleting the Long Gun Registry Data.....Canadians will see to it, for the time in history....a Canadian Prime Minister is sentenced to jail time. I certainly hope it's not the case..that it is the RCMP who has not deleted the LGR...and for the time in History a head of the RCMP ..is sentenced to jail time.

Which is it going to be ??



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Province : BC Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

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Comments/Commentaires : I am outraged that the RCMP have been going house to house in High River and ceasing peoples guns from their private homes. \whoever authorized this should be fired. This is a waste of RCMP time . If this is what they think is important they should leave High River.They already had the area secured so there was no threat to anyone.

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jun 29 2013 11:50:12 AM >>>

Dear PM Harper,

We are very disgusted with the illegal act of entering private locked homes in High River by the RCMP. It is imperative that whoever ordered this act be found and dealt with.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

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Comments/Commentaires : Dear Sir . It with the greatest respect and a very sad heart that I Write to you today . I NOW feel shame as a Canadian for the first time in my life ! The Illegal and outrageous actions of The RCMP in High River must not go unanswered by the people of this great country .These things must not be permitted to happen in a free and democratic Country of the 21 century ? When the National Police force of this country moves to attack the sanctuary and safety the homes of hundreds if not thousands of Canadians When they are at their most vulnerable there is something very wrong in this nation . These Jack Booted Police actions have no place In my Canada and the Canada of Millions of us.Sir what happened too ..' The true north, strong and free' These RCMP criminals must be brought to justice . The confidence of Canadians in the RCMP is now Gone .Their attempted Justifications are just down right lies . While the theft of personal property is very troubling , it is the forced breaking and entering of private residencies that is truly Outrageous in my Canada this should never happen Many Brave Canadians Gave their all and now have Crosses over there graves in many places around the world they died fighting to prevent just such police state actions . The people of High River (and In fact all Canadians) deserve and apogee from the highest levels of the RCMP . All Canadians need the Assurance of The Government of Canada that the this Is not the direction 'Our Canada ' is moving . We also need clear Assurances that these actions will never again happen in this great Country that both you and I love with all Our hearts Sir I am sure you find this very troubling as all Canadians should I do trust you to get to the bottom of this and and do the right thing for All Canadians Thank you [REDACTED]

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Comments/Commentaires : Mr. Harper, As someone who was at your CP leadership campaign launch and shook your hand and wished you well, I feel I have your ear. The RCMP officers who were responsible for the forcible, illegal and unwarranted (literally) invasion of Albertan homes and STOLE their personal protection and hunting devices, should be charged with breaking and entering and theft and burglary. They should have their uniforms publicly shredded and be stripped of all honour. If this does not happen, I can only assume I am working for and donating to a party overtaken by the bureaucratic Borg. If that is the case, I QUIT!

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Mister Harper/Mister Toews

I am writing you with extreme sadness and Anger. I am sad that the RCMP have taken it upon themselves to take the actions of breaking into houses in High River in the name security, in the name of protecting the people of High River and their property. I am sad because this is a LIE! I am angry because they have lied. I knew this day would come Gentlemen, the day that the state police would turn against its own people. We have seen this in so many countries, Germany, Russia, Iraq, Syria... I can keep the list going, but you get my point. Canada has always stood against this type of oppression, but not now. Canada has now become that police state. And THIS government, YOU have not stopped this disgusting and repulsive act. If your government had any integrity, any morals, any GUTS, you would come down on the RCMP like a mighty hammer and smash it apart! You have not, and I know why, I'm not stupid. The new way governments have started to think is to take away all freedoms from the people. You don't want us to think for ourselves, you want us to rely solely on you. I see the RCMP blocking out the residents of High River with guns and spike belts on the roads, I see people standing in line waiting for government handouts, I see people living in camps provided by the government, and I clearly see the state police kicking in doors of houses of people who own guns. Yes gentlemen, this has happened before, in many countries that WE as Canadians have fought against. We are now Hitler's Germany, Stalin's Russia, Hussein's Iraq. As a Free Canadian I will do as generations have done before, fight against this type of oppression. My weapons are my words, I will speak out against this disgusting act that is taking place in my province, and in my country. I will do everything I can to pass on what has happened. Global, CBC, CTV news stations have not covered the story yet, because they are your pawns, they tell only the stories the government has given permission to tell. Before I end this letter, I want to a moment to ask you both, is this the Canada you want?



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Comments/Commentaires : I have been following the situation in in High River, and I have been talking with people that have relatives in High River, and I must say that I find the behavior of the RCMP in taking advantage of the situation to seize any firearms that they could find disgusting. These poor people are going through enough, being kept out of their homes, and wondering what they will have left to return to, once the water recedes, and the last thing that they need to worry about is having the RCMP break into their homes, and take their firearms. And the statements by the RCMP that they only took firearms that were in plain sight does not seem to be the case at all. One individual had his firearm in a case and hidden in an upstairs closet, and the RCMP found it, removed it from the case, and took the rifle, leaving the case behind. Furthermore, your government has directed the RCMP to return the firearms, but some RCMP are not complying. One individual was told that he could not have his firearm back, because the RCMP could not be sure of his mental state, due to being displaced by the flood. This entire situation has gone way beyond reason, and your government needs to find a way to reign in the RCMP, and not let them do what they please, in spite of your governments directives, as seems to be the case.

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Comments/Commentaires : You have entered onto another slippery slope with the seizure of illegal guns by the R C M P in flooded Alberta. What diminishes one of us diminishes us all. Even if the guns are possessed by persons not licensed to do so they may be family treasures that the police had no reason to seize. they cannot now be returned to their owners and will be destroyed. Once confiscated there is no other legal course. Robert digansky was murdered by your police force and I have seen no justice from their actions. Is anything done in the name of security OK? and are you not responsible for anything? Maybe we need a law so that someone is responsible. I elected you to look out for my interests and I am concerned my trust was misplaced.

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jun 28 2013 11:19:21 AM >>>

Prime Minister,

High River needs your help! I am not a resident of this town, I live in [REDACTED] but every day I have been watching and reading the news and I was absolutely disgusted by what I read yesterday. Not only are these people forced out of their homes for a week so far and facing thousands of dollars of losses, but they are now being treated like criminals. In what world do the police feel they have the right to break into evacuee's homes and remove their firearms? What gives them the right to keep people from returning to their own property, and not just by telling them, but bullying them through the use of spike belts, barriers, and bringing in hundreds of armed officers. Are the RCMP that seemed to have dubbed themselves the authority to abuse these victims further by refusing them the opportunity to see their homes going to be there tearing out carpet and drywall and paying for renovations on a weeks worth of damage of standing water and sewage in these houses? These residents have been through enough. They want to start the recovery process and put this tragedy behind them. Look at what the people in the city and places like Bragg Creek have been able to accomplish this week. We need to start supporting and helping the people of High River, not treating them like criminals and children. I am sad to say I am embarrassed to be a Canadian and Albertan today. Please help remedy this situation. There needs to be federal government involvement.

Thank you,

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Date: 2013/6/29 12:36:42 AM

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City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : BC

Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : I am very disturbed by the actions of the RCMP in the aftermath of this disaster violating the property of these people adds to the injury that they have suffered by the very people entrusted to prevent this. I have had licensed restricted firearms for over forty years and wonder if this is what I can expect in a similar emergency? Please remember the values of personal freedom that many of us supported you for and I would expect you to hold the persons that violated these rights accountable. Guns are a small part of the greater issue regarding un-elected officials changing the intent of laws that a citizen can only challenge by fighting a system funded by his own tax dollars. These actions remind me of other events in history that our country fought against.

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Province : NS Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : Heroism is searching disaster areas looking to rescue citizens, but police using times of crisis for illegal search and seizures is wrong and un-Canadian. Simply put there was no reason to enter anyone's house. You can knock you can holler you can peek in the damn windows but you have no right to enter. This is so far beyond fail i can't really believe that Canada has fallen so far. I would like to apologize to all veterans both living and dead for letting their sacrifice for our freedom be wasted.

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Date: 2013/7/1 12:46:55 AM

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Address/Adresse [REDACTED]

City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : SK Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : Looting Peoples homes in High River. Terrible, What's next?

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jun 28 2013 8:30:02 PM >>>

Prime Minister Harper:

Good day, sir.

I am writing to express my outrage at the actions of the RCMP in Alberta where they illegally searched peoples homes and stole firearms (and who knows what else went missing). With no warrant and the only excuse that they are looking for stranded people in need of being rescued from the flood, they are taking illegal liberties that defy reason and Canadian law.

More and more Canadians are losing their democratic rights to police and governments that prefer to operate under their own set of rules.

I demand that those who authorized and carried out this rape of citizens rights be charged under Canadian law, that they be fired and lose all pension and other financial benefits they would have otherwise received.

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Date: 2013/6/28 4:04:58 PM

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Province : ON Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : What the RCMP did in High River Alberta by illegally breaking into the homes of its citizenry and seizing said citizen's private property is inexcusable to say the least and needs to be dealt with sternly. The RCMP have been out of control for a long while now and I see their behavior getting worse. Thomas Payne once wrote "Government in its best form is a necessary evil and in its worst form an intolerable one" this phrase can now be attributed to not only the RCMP but to most if not all of the police forces in this land. They need to be reeled in as they are truly becoming an intolerable force for evil. If you Mr. Prime Minister do nothing about this situation I can only believe that you condone the actions of these thugs and If this is what you believe to be good government I must tell you that you will no longer have my support through my vote, my wallet, or through my voice. I am a contributing Member of the Conservative Party of Canada

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Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

The RCMP entered homes in the calgary area and confiscated guns. They said it was for public safety.

The reason for entering the homes given by the RCMP was to search for people. I'd like to know how many people were reported missing by concerned family members? I'm guessing that number is pretty close to zero. If people were reported missing, the only homes the RCMP should have entered are the homes where the missing people normally reside.

I think a very clear pattern has emerged since the long gun registry was ended. The RCMP and CFO's who wanted the registry to be maintained are now looking for revenge.

Examples:

About 10 previously legal guns have been recently prohibited and confiscated from their lawful owners (under a Conservative Government). These firearms were all inspected by the RCMP years ago and were deemed either non-restricted or restricted. Why the change all of a sudden? The latest on the chopping block is a \$3400 rifle made by Swiss Arms that has never been used in a crime and has been legal for decades. Are we to believe this is for the benefit of public safety?

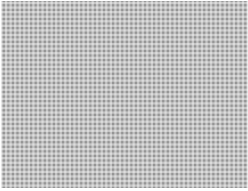
- Calgary RCMP wanting to force sellers at gun shows to display all guns with trigger locks after decades of no problems with sellers using a zip tie like device. The same device the police use to display confiscated guns to the media or in court.

CFO's forcing restricted gun owners with ATT (Authorization to Transport) to also obtain a letter from gun clubs allowing them to shoot at these facilities.

All of the above, including the most recent RCMP gun thefts, are all solutions to public safety problems that do not exist. Public safety is just the excuse for the harrassment. The real reason is retribution for all the work gun owners did to have the long gun registry repealed.

What allows these abuses to happen? The Liberal Firearms Act of 1995. The very same Firearms Act that Prime Minister Harper pledged to re-write before the creation of the Conservative Party of Canada.

The changes to Canada's gun laws found in the Firearms Act of 1995 had very little to do public safety enhancements. The Act was about creating poison pills to firearms ownership. The act is full of gray areas which allow non-elected bureaucrats to create law and harrass law abiding gun owners through the creation of arbitrary rules and regulations. The fact that the Conservative Party of Canada has done nothing to remedy this problem could lead many to believe that these abuses are condoned by them.



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City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : BC Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : I cannot express strongly enough my disgust at the RCMP for confiscating firearms from flooded homes in High River, under the pretense of safe storage. Were firearm brought up from basements to the safety of upper levels considered as 'illegally stored'? How can one verify the ownership of heirlooms?

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Province : BC Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : Dear Mr. Harper. I was appalled that RCMP forced their way into houses and taking away rightfully owned firearms. This should not happened in our beautiful country. I was always your supporter, please do not leave this happened again.

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2013 12:51 PM  
To: Stephen Harper (pm@pm.gc.ca)  
Cc: Vic Toews (Toews.V@parl.gc.ca); chong.m@parl.gc.ca; Danielle Smith (highwood@assembly.ab.ca)  
Subject: Happy Canada Day  
Importance: High

Dear Mr. Harper:

I am a [REDACTED] and a staunch supporter of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada and Ontario.

For the first time in my life I am fearful of Canada's direction into the future. Here's why:

The RCMP, the very symbol of Canada, has blatantly violated the charter of rights supposedly on the pretext of safety. After the RCMP presided over the mandatory evacuation of High River, they returned to the locked houses with hired locksmiths and entered those homes in what looks to me to be a seizure of the evacuees property. Yes, they say the guns were stored improperly but that's a red herring in that law abiding gun owners would not leave them lying around unlocked and loaded on the kitchen table. Another disturbing thing is that ( as far as I've heard ) no other town was targeted- only Danielle Smith's riding. Bragg Creek, Calgary, Canmore- why were all other areas left alone? Ms. REDford appears to be a Progressive without the Conservative.

After this incident, what is to stop the OPP, QPP or other provincial police forces from going into homes to seize suspected contraband?

Next is the pending release of the murdering terrorist, Omar Khadr, on Canada Day. If he is indeed released today it is a poke in the eye of Canada. If he must be unleashed, please do it on Halloween or, better still, April Fools' Day.

I look at the example of the once proud and mighty British Empire. They are a mere shadow of their former selves what with people being BEHEADED in broad daylight on London streets and whole communities being governed by Sharia Law!!! Hopefully Canada is learning by example so that we do not go down that road.

Please make future Canada Days happy and free!!!!

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jun 28 2013 10:36:40 AM >>>

Mr Harper

I am writing to express my disgust with the conduct of the RCMP in High River AB.

It appears they are seizing firearms from homes and now tell people they can have their guns back IF they can prove they own them.

I wonder just how stupid the RCMP are today seeing as the Long Gun Registry is gone and proving you owned a gun will be extremely difficult if not impossible. I wonder what lunacy they will spout tomorrow?

It is time for you to step up and stop the stupidity as it appears Toews is incapable of doing his job.

As a supporter and member of the CPC words can't express my feelings at this time on the lack of action by a gov't I voted for. You are the leader of the gov't and it is time for you to take action and lead.

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[REDACTED] and not so sure I am proud of that today.



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Date: 2013/7/3 7:15:55 PM

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Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : The police-state-like actions of the RCMP in their illegal targeted seizure of firearms from private homes in High River. Please have the responsible RCMP officers charged with looting, and break and enter since they broke into private homes without warrant, and without one better thing to be doing in a disaster than stealing legally owned property of private citizens. Don't we call this act LOOTING? Who ordered a Town wide raid on firearm owners after the police FORCED everyone out? and what else did they take? I want an investigation and an answer if this is the policy of the Canadian Government, or just of the Jack Booted Thugs the RCMP have become? Gun control in the RCMP's Canada means no ownership of guns at all.

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Comments/Commentaires : Mr. Harper, The recent actions of the RCMP in High River to seize firearms from people's homes is very disturbing to me. Especially their contention that they will only be given back if ownership can be proven. It seems to me that the proof is in the location from which they were obtained. This is downright scary behaviour, and the people who made this decision should be called too account. A great many Canadian firearms owners voted for Conservative candidates, and have given money to the Conservative Party in part because of our concerns about this sort of thing. You kept your promise to remove the registry. That was a good step. I will watch how this gets handled with great interest. I have to say how dismayed I am that the once proud Canadian institution of the RCMP has been reduced to things like this. Soft on crime, and hard on law abiding gun owners. Breaking into homes and stealing property. Worse than common thieves. At least thieves do not use the coercive power of the state to prevent their victims from occupying their own property, while they rifle through their things. Now ever resident of High River who can't find their Grandmother's diamond ring will have to wonder about the mounties who were going though their personal property. As for me, they are no longer welcome in my home without a warrant. This is the effect of actions such as these. Trust is eroded. Trust that is not easily won back.

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Address/Adresse : [REDACTED]

City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : ON Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

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Comments/Commentaires : Yes In Alberta police should spend more time hunting down criminals and less time harassing law-abiding citizens. Make the RCMP return the illegal guns they have stolen

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Dear Sir;  
I feel obliged to voice my disgust with the RCMP in High River, BC.

As you well know, people were ordered to evacuate their homes because of the flood in that community. As these people complied with this order, they left their homes in order to comply with this evacuation order. Many, secured their homes - locking their doors; only to hear yesterday that the RCMP had forced their way into these homes and made seizure of firearms! Nor have the RCMP ever stated that they will be responsible for breaking the door locks into these homes!

There has never any communication that following the RCMP forcing their way into these homes and looting these homes of private property that the RCMP secured these homes on departure! Bad enough that the RCMP seized these firearms, but the Police never secured these homes on departure and left these homes vulnerable to anyone who felt like entering these homes and robbing the occupants of their valuable possessions!

What kind of country are we living in when the Police who are mandated to carry out the Laws of this land, have now set themselves up above the Law.

What-ever happened to the protection of one's property, when the Police can force their way into these homes and then depart - leaving these homes insecure along with other private valuables?

There is something wrong here and it needs to be addressed asap. Really, how can you really expect the general public to respect the Laws of this land and respect those who are mandated to carry out the law when they themselves have set themselves up above the Law?

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It's bad enough, when criminals break into one's residence, causing damage and remove personal property, but when the RCMP are doing the same thing and leaving these same homes in-secure; there really needs to be something done here!

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jun 29 2013 5:48:23 AM >>>

Dear Mr. Prime Minister

I was aghast at what occurred in High River, Alberta concerning the confiscation of people's property while they were under order to evacuate. What is going on here?

Since when have police forces become a power of their own. Since when can they do whatever they please?  
Since when do they break the law?

I am not a gun owner but I abhor what has happened. This is wrong on every front.

This must stop! Someone needs to answer for this and someone needs to pay so that this will never happen again. If people suspect that their property will be at risk from the very people that are supposed to protect that same property, then what will happen will undoubtedly cause people to take their weapons with them when told to evacuate, or they will not evacuate at all but remain in their homes to protect their property. This is crazy!

Please fire the individual(s) responsible for enacting this decision. If not, people will no longer trust the police.  
Thank you.

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Comments/Commentaires : What are you do about the RCMP breaking into homes without warrants and seizing guns from an entire town. Why are law abiding citizens being targeted. This should be put to an end now before the next time someone will not listen to an evacuation order and be killed because they are afraid that RCMP will come into there home.

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Comments/Commentaires : I am appalled and disgusted with the actions of the RCMP at High River. Breaking into private homes and seizing firearms during this flood event is obscene and illegal. There is absolutely NO justification. Someone in the RCMP needs to be fired!!!! I have absolutely no more respect for the RCMP and their leadership.



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>>> From: [REDACTED] Received: Jul 2 2013 4:50:06 PM >>>

Prime Minister, Stephen Harper,  
Dear sir, thank you for the excellent service you and your office provide to the Canadian people.  
Re. the RCMP actions in High River Albert.

Home owners in High River are in a highly stressful situation. They must leave their homes, by order of the Gov't. They have very little time to secure any property and get out. They have a few minutes, to try to get precious and valuable items to an area in the residence that might remain above high water levels. These items would likely include important documents, family photo albums, tools, guns, electronics, etc.

The town is in such bad shape the residents are not allowed back to their homes after almost after a entire week has past. Reportedly The RCMP, have been entering homes in the town making sure there are no people in distress. They come across firearms that have been put up on higher ground to try to save them from damage. The RCMP seize them due to unsafe storage.

The question has to be asked. Why are the RCMP, the official police force of Canada, so obsessed with firearms? It is so important to check for people in distress that RCMP, with military escort, enter every home in the town. But once they are inside peoples homes they come across firearms that were, obviously, quickly put up into higher ground. Instead of moving on to the next home they stop their search and rescue mission and turn their task into a search and seizure mission. So much for the person in the next home who may need help because the RCMP found some guns and are now more concerned with taking these guns out of a locked home, in an evacuated community, guarded by police and military.

Or did the RCMP enter only homes they knew had firearms? How would they know that now that the long gun registry is abolished???

The seizure of privately owned firearms take precedent over the search for people who may be seriously injured and in great distress?

The RCMP claim they took the guns for safe keeping. Why did they not take any jewelry or valuable electronics, they may have found, for safe keeping?

Sir, it seems to me that the RCMP, through their action of late and in recent times, are not in the spirit of what Canadians want when they elected a conservative gov't in 2006, and by giving you and your party a mandate in 2011. It appears to me that the RCMP are trying to side step the wishes of the PMO, and are just biding their time till they get a liberal gov't back in power then it's business as usual.

These actions are unacceptable Who do they work for? The RCMP can choose which orders they want obey? It would appear they are more interested in an agenda then they are with serving law abiding people.

Sir I find it troubling that it appears you do not have a firm grip on the helm. I am very thankful for you and our conservative Gov't, but it seems there are many left over bureaucrats who are snubbing their nose at the Conservative Gov't.

This may be a very good opportunity for you and the Conservatives to exercise some leadership, and provide the feet draggers with an opportunity to get into step with the rest of Canada.

Thank you for your time

respectfully submitted

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received: Jul 1 2013 4:11:11 PM >>>

Hi,  
What gives with RCMP power adding to the grief for flood victims in High River Alberta loosing their homes and then their firearms by a specific search and seizure?

As home owners are returning to their homes they are reporting that firearms hid in closets and other hiding spots in their homes above water in an emergency to save them from water damage were confiscated by POLICE! CABLES were cut securing them to walls, hid on top shelves with trigger locks confiscated in securely locked homes. Is this another example of CFO's still trying to revive the long gun registry after their back door ledgers failed?

Did someone declare Martial Law and turn Alberta into a POLICE STATE? People who lost papers required in the flood will not get their firearms back.

A public inquiry is need to get to the bottom of this nonsense. A Judge in a court of law must question the RCMP who's authority they used to remove firearms trigger locked and bolts removed from locked homes during a flood emergency! The damage done to firearms thrown into a boat like fire wood will have to be compensated for out of the RCMP's operating fund instead of taxpayers money!

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

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>>> From: [REDACTED] Received: Jul 1 2013 1:11:16 AM >>>

What the RCMP are doing in High River is outrageous. Its their job to make sure everybody is out safely and the nobody is looting, not themselves breaking into peoples homes and taking their belongings. This kind of assault on legal firearm owners needs to stop. The RCMP needs to concentrate their resources on going after criminals and stop hassling the regular citizen.

I applaud your government for getting rid of the registry, but so much more needs to be done. Please get rid of the whole firearms act and start over.

I have been a supporter of your government both in vote and money. But I really need to see more results in this area.

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Comments/Commentaires : Mr. Prime Minister, Please have a formal inquiry into the conduct of the RCMP, in the community of High River, Alberta. I and many others are very concerned with what appears to be very questionable actions taken by the RCMP. It appears that only certain homes were broken into, and legally owned firearms were seized from those home owners. Thank you.

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Comments/Commentaires : would it be not right and fitting of the commissioner of the rcmp to instruct his command to not break into the homes of evacuees and remove their property. once upon a time looting was a crime. what do we call it when federal police commit the crime?

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jun 28 2013 6:52:51 PM >>>

I can't believe that we have become so complacent as to allow the RCMP to invade homes and loot as they have done in Alberta. There is no good reason for this and as a Canadian conservative, I would expect the law to come down on them as if they too were the general population and be treated as the home invaders and thieves that they have become. I would hope this is a bad decision made by a very stupid manager and will not become an expected experience.

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Comments/Commentaires : As our elected representative, I ask that you call for an independent investigation into the outright lawless behavior of the RCMP. I am disgusted and shocked that the RCMP broke into the homes of hard working Canadians and stole their property. It matters not that they said that this property would be returned , as the crime was already committed. What type of country are we becoming where the police are worse than the criminals. Disgusting! It is your duty to speak loudly and publicly denouncing these acts, as well as reminding all police forces who they work for. There seems to be evidence surfacing that these homes were targeted Mr. Prime minister. Do not delay in acting on this!



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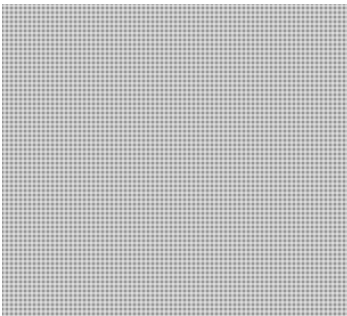
Sir:

I understand that the police in Alberta have more important things to do than concern themselves with abandoned unsecured firearms.

Whereas that might be debatable, it would seem there is less doubt that your office has more important things to do if only it knew what those important things were.

So where is the leadership?

Best wishes and great sympathy to all the folks devastated by the weather in southern Alberta, and devastated by the lack of respect for nature shown by our leaders who go on insisting we can have things 'our way' with the environment.



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I'm sure you have heard from others about the RCMP breaking into houses in High River, AB and taking peoples firearms. Heads need to roll over this unless this is no longer Canada we live in.

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jun 28 2013 10:56:20 AM >>>

Dear Sir,

As a long-time supporter of the Conservative party and a lawful gun owner I do believe I am owed an explanation for what appears to be an unlawful breaking and entry and confiscation of private property by the RCMP in High River Alberta. I want to know who ordered this and what actions will be taken to punish the criminal(s).

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/news/al...851/story.html>

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 2 2013 10:34:41 PM >>>

I am absolutely shocked at the cavalier attitude shown by the RCMP in seizing legal guns. The RCMP have shown themselves to be worse than looters. These are criminal acts and should be treated as such. Charge the RCMP for looting now.



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Comments/Commentaires : The news that the RCMP is breaking into homes and stealing guns is troubling to me. This is plain and simply looting by the national police force. How do we know that the police are not also stealing money and other valuables. And then even securing the homes that they have broken into is again a crime. A obvious abuse of information that should have been destroyed.

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**Sent:** July-03-13 2:25 PM  
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Comments/Commentaires : I am aghast that in a democratic nation a police force has the right to loot and pillage in the homes of those people displaced by a sever disaster such as we have seen in High River. This government needs to IMMEDIATELY address and investigate this and anyone who authorized it should be fired. They have made a laughing stock of a national symbol and are behaving like Nazi's. They should stick to enforcing laws, not trying to make them up or profit from them. Stand up for what is right Mr. Harper.



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Right Hon Stephen Harper

Prime Minister

House of Commons

Ottawa, Ontario

26 June 2013

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Dear Sir. I see once again the RCMP has exceeded their authority and broken into Homes in what appears to be a glorified 'fishing' expedition. residents of High River entrusted their homes and belongings to the RCMP after being advised that they would be patrolling the area to keep homes secure. Instead we find out they actually entered dwellings and searched for firearms, seizing any they happen to find. This brings me to the larger more important question.... how did they know where the firearms were? What else was removed from the homes? Registry records, we have been told were destroyed. Or did they just happen to break into homes at random. Either way, what they did was illegal and uncalled for.

I demand that the officer who issued the order be charged for conduct unbecoming a member and be reduced in rank. I would also suggest that every member of that detachment be immediately transferred elsewhere as they have now lost the respect and trust of everyone in the community.

Once again this is an example of a federal police force that is out of control and needs to be reined in.

I call upon your office to take the appropriate steps in getting this done in the immediate future.

Yours truly



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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper

Prime Minister

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

80 WELLINGTON ST

OTTAWA ON K1A 0A2

Prime Minister Harper,

I would like to inform you that the RCMP has recently unlawfully seized hundreds of firearms from High River, Alberta, this done while forcefully entering the locked and secured dwellings of evacuated citizens without cause or justification aside from securing lawfully owned firearms from potential looting under the pretext of securing high valued goods from looters.

I fail to understand how law enforcement can simply cast aside the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protecting all citizens from unlawful search and seizure during the times of a crisis.

The pretext of protecting citizens from the possibility of theft is outright ridiculous, as the RCMP did not protect other high valued property from the households (computers, screens, televisions, sound systems).

This search and seizure by the RCMP was directed precisely at gun owners, the unlawful forced entry, and then the following search of the dwelling for firearms clearly speaks for itself, that the RCMP has gone completely outside of any oversight of its actions, and feels that it doesn't have to abide by the laws of the land where it comes to firearms policing.

The Conservative Party prides itself in the utmost integrity when it comes to protecting the articles of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and putting aside the firearms issue, these actions by the RCMP clearly go against everything that Canadians hold dearest, and remind me of police actions done by another policing entity in 1940s Germany.

As citizens we expect that our government will abide by the rules of protecting our lawfully owned property not just from other citizens but also from government entities as well.

Just because such property is firearms doesn't allow the RCMP to disregard rights of ownership and property, should the same then be applied to other household items like garden tools, or construction tools?

Since the evacuated citizens were not allowed to bring their firearms with them under evacuation according to the current legislation regarding firearms, perhaps a review of firearms act chapter 39 statutes of Canada and the sections of the Criminal code regarding firearm offences have to be removed or at the very least reviewed and the powers of the RCMP regarding firearms policing have to be stripped or at the very least very precisely reviewed by an external organization providing close oversight and answering to parliament only.

Respectfully,

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Province : ON Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : I have just read in the national post that the RCMP have entered (with force if needed) numerous homes in the flooded / abandoned town and seized all the firearms found in the homes of private citizens. The RCMP are now holding the firearms and will return them to the residents if they can provide proof of ownership. I am quite shocked to read that here in Canada the police would enter private homes, without permission, seize all firearms found within the home and then hold them until proof of ownership could be determined - all without permission of the private home owner. I would like to know your view of this situation and if you support what has happened. As far as I'm concerned this is a thousand times worse than the gun registry. I would also like to know how the police determined which homes held firearms in them as your government apparently scrapped the gun registry and all its records. This sounds like something the Liberals would do.

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Date: 2013/6/30 8:07:57 PM

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Address/Adresse : [REDACTED]

City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : NB Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : Mr Prime Minister I respectfully protest the conduct of The RCMP concerning the illegal search and seizure of firearms in Alta. I am a strong Conservative and I was shaken by Duffy and Wallen. Now blatant charter violations. Please restore My faith I have in You and hold those responsible for these draconian illegal search and seizures. Should nothing be done our charter is not worth a damn. RCMP are out of control. Respectfully [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Province : NT Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : Greetings: I have never been moved to send a note to your Office. However, the news of RCMP activity taking arms from homes in High River moves me to such. It is widely known that authorities do have addresses of those who own arms (FAC/PAL). This arbitrary round up smacks, unfortunately, of police state mentality. If I were a resident there, and was indeed concerned about the security of my arms, I would indeed ask that a check be made, as a lawful and reasonable gun owner would. The RCMP as are being acted, do not have the permission of the homeowners, thus may be considered trespassers. The RCMP do have the authority to inspect arms storage, but under this scenario, it would not stand the scrutiny of a judge. The area is locked down. Sir, I acknowledge your words that arms will be returned to their owners. This should be done forthwith, without predudice. Regards [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Date: 2013/7/2 10:30:49 PM

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: ON Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : You can't tell me that the RCMP haven't started their own fire arms registry in Alberta. Illegally obtained fire arms, they have written down the serial numbers and it takes a driver's license to get them back.....Prime Minister this is a registry. Are these records going to be destroyed? The RCMP are stealing our freedom! I am not a gun owner, but this is abhorrent. Please step in.



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Dear Honourable Prime Minister,

This is contemptible. When government violates its citizens private property, a change is quickly needed.

<<http://www.calgarysun.com/2013/06/27/temperature-rises-over-mounties-firearms-seizures-from-homes-in-evacuated-high-river>>

I was surprised to learn that this was also done in Slave Lake too.

Will the federal government approve printing billions of dollars in money to subsidise rebuilding on the Bow/Elbow flood plain?

I hope not.

Regards,  
[REDACTED]

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Prime Minister Harper:

This is [REDACTED] I have ever contacted you to express my opinion, but I wanted you to hear from me personally on this. My husband and I are outraged over the actions taken by the RCMP in High River entering personal residences and seizing fire arms, and who knows what else.

I was very proud to be a Canadian, where there was no violence or looting during the horrible floods in Alberta that impacted so many people and forced them from their homes.

For the RCMP to have taken the actions they did has made me very ashamed that the only looting that has occurred has been done by the RCMP.

Please know that our voices join those of the many others who are outraged by these actions and are looking for our voices to be heard by our elected representatives.

Thanks for your on going hard work,

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jun 29 2013 9:28:17 AM >>>

The seizure of firearms in High River suggests an appalling and dangerous loss of civil liberty in Canada. I want to state my objection and assure you that any of you who condone this illegal RCMP search and seizure have lost my respect and trust, and cannot expect my vote. This is not the Canada I know and love.

[REDACTED]

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Date: 2013/6/28 9:28:50 AM

Name/Nom : [REDACTED]

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Province : ON Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : I was shocked to hear that the RCMP are seizing (stealing) guns from law abiding citizens in High River, Alberta while they were out of their homes on flood evacuation. This is clearly an abuse of power by our police services. It is unconscionable that police would do such a thing. Even worse it was supported by some high ranking politicians in Alberta. Citizens in Canada would only expect such action in a totalitarian police state. What action is your office taking to address this abuse of power?

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Date: 2013/6/29 6:45:24 AM

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Address/Adresse : [REDACTED]

City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : ON Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : The RCMP (nor any other police force) do not have a mandate that includes break-and-enter or seizure of firearms without cause or warrant. What the RCMP have done in Alberta is outrageous. The officers involved should be relieved of duty and charged. I sincerely hope the Prime Minister will address the RCMP directly in the sternest possible terms.

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Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : It is truly sad that we are slowly becoming a police state. As more and more incidents of this nature arise with the advent of mobile media. What is even more sad is the government turns a blind eye to this sort of infringement of rights of law abiding citizens. To use such a disaster for the implementation of a confiscation procedure with out warrant is unheard of in democratic countries. Don't bother with the excuses that will surely follow in the cover up stage to justify such procedures, ultamtely there is no legitimate excuse for any police force in a democratic society to partake in such procedures. The only way that these groups such as the RCMP can realize and curb their appetite for control is for the government in power to hold members accountable and punish them with dismissal or at the very least demotion. If not your government only lends credence to what they do. So much for Canadian Citizen Freedoms that we are about to celebrate on July 1.

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Province : BC Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : How Dare the police do that.They took advantage of a bad situation and ive lost all respect for them.They will never get me to leave my house if that's what there doing.A very sad Canadian

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City/Adresse : [REDACTED] Province : AB Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : Dear Prime Minister Harper, Please respond strongly against the actions of the RCMP in High River. Taking firearms out of people's homes under the colour of law only underscores the inadequacy of current firearms laws to reflect the Freedoms enshrined in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The firearms act needs to be changed or revoked so that this borderline corrupt behaviour by the RCMP never happens again. My vote and that of my 3,000 associates hangs on how you respond to what we all consider to be a egregious violation of the rights and freedoms of the Residents of High River. Sincerely, [REDACTED]



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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 3 2013 11:29:26 AM >>>

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper PC MP Prime Minister of Canada House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario

Sir:

The actions of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police at High River, Alberta where they forcibly entered private homes and seized firearms is, in my opinion, absolutely reprehensible!

A Judicial Inquiry should be appointed to investigate this matter fully.

In closing, I applaud you for taking a stand against police state actions and not endorsing this behaviour.

You may count on my continued support!

I am, Sir,  
Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]

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City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : AB

Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : RCMP seizing guns of law abiding citizens in High River. Did they go to all 6000 homes or target certain ones. I consider this an abuse of power, and no matter what they found should be returned. They had no right of search and seizure, unless there was an imminent danger. STOP THIS NOW.

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AB Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : Dear Mr. Harper: The following is an email that I sent to our MLA, Mr. Jason Luan. As an Albertan, I also ask you to take federal action. Something must be done about this egregious destruction of our inalienable right to privacy and private property not to mention the cowardly intrusion into people's homes while these folks suffer in evacuation centers. June 28 2013 To Jason Luan, MLA Hello Jason: With the historic Alberta flood slowly retreating, there is so much to do - especially for those suffering in High River. The last insult that they must endure is not caused by nature - it is caused by the RCMP. It is unconscionable that the police entered private residences and confiscated private property - i specifically refer to firearms. To take advantage of those forcibly evicted and to this day still prevented from going home is a despicable abuse of power. You and I have met several times and you always and proudly tell me that you speak for your constituents (you are our advocate) with regards to the Redford team. Though now might not be the best time (but when is it right when basic freedoms are destroyed by the thugs that supposedly protect us???) to take corrective action through our provincial government. There is only one course of action: do not renew the RCMP contract when their current time is completed. As Quebec and Ontario do, so must we ... take matters into our own hands. Make the Alberta Provincial Police Force a reality in our province. The APPF will be managed by Albertans, the members will be Albertans they will serve us with dignity and respect. Best regards [REDACTED]  
cc: Stephen Harper Diane Ablonczy

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Province : ON Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : The RCMP has been waging a quiet war on gun owners for years now, and it has become very clear to all of us now thanks to their actions in high river. The RCMP is treating firearms owners as criminals, violating their rights, trespassing and breaking and entering, and illegally searching and seizing private property. And now outright lying about it. This kind of behavior is not that of a police force in a free country but that of Nazi Germany! This is obscene and the RCMP need to be severely punished as well as having their mandate regarding firearms made clear. They often trump up storage charges against citizens that cost tens of thousands to defend against, only to be later dropped by judges. They are constantly without cause or reason reclassifying firearms from nonrestricted to restricted or prohibited, to for some reason punish sportsmen and collectors, this does nothing to stop gun crime. Criminals do not buy firearms legally and do not care what class they are in. Why are we (law abiding responsible gun owners) continually being punished? Has the ridiculous bill C-68 that is nothing but headaches to law abiding gun owners stopped one single gun crime ever? No it has not! The bill needs to be gutted, and you mister Prime minister are the only one that can do it. You have a responsibility to us, a very large population of Canadians being treated unfairly, we continue to be punished for the actions of drug dealers and gang members. Bill C-68 is little more than a feel good liberal bill full of nonsense that does truly nothing to prevent gun crime. The RCMP have committed a crime in High River violating the rights and freedoms of Canadians and there should be hell to pay for it. Please Sir take action and put an end to this criminal behavior by the RCMP as well as removing the many ridiculous restrictions put on law abiding gun owners by bill C-68. Thank you Mister Prime minister.

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Address/Adresse : [REDACTED]

City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : ON Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

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**Comments/Commentaires :** The RCMP has gone to the homes of residents in flooded High River, AB and confiscated citizens guns without warrant. This is yet another horrifying implication of C68 and firearm ownership being in the criminal code. Also there was a provincial state of emergency legislation that was declared that apparently gave the RCMP authority to enter citizens homes without warrant. Please table a private members bill for the following protections for the individual: 1. Repeal Firearms licensing 2. Remove the ownership and use of firearms from the criminal code. 3. Create castle Doctrine law 4. Amend the Constitution to include the right to Private Property. 5. Eliminate any Emergency/ Martial law Legislation that would give the government the ability to circumvent the constitution without a parliamentary debate. I Expect to see legislation tabled soon in order for you to maintain both mine and my families votes.

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[REDACTED]

I am writing today due to the increasingly troubling erosion of the personal rights and freedoms in my country. More specifically today is the issue of the RCMP illegally entering peoples homes and performing warrantless searches and seizure(theft) of personal property in the town of High River. I believe this is a blatant attack on the fundamental rights of all Canadians granted to all citizens in the Constitution and Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. I am a Conservative because I believe that personal rights and freedoms need to be protected above all else, no exceptions. This is the basic foundation of a free society.

In the past I would always expect the Conservative opposition to hold the government of the day to these standards. However, with the Conservatives now being the government, I cannot trust the opposition to protect these rights, it is up to the government to do this(rightly so). I trust that my elected officials will do their job and protect our basic rights. Although I have yet to see this from this government. It appears that our basic rights and freedoms are only protected when convenient. And blatantly dismissed when not. The RCMP is only one part of this. There are sadly many more instances where this government has forgotten the most basic rights of the people.

I hope at least in this instance, the government will stand strongly with the people of High Level and all of Canada in denouncing the illegal actions of the RCMP. And hopefully take stronger actions in all future legislation to put the basic rights and freedoms above all else. Remember, anything can be done in the name of safety. But if we don't safeguard our freedom, there is no point.

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Province : AB Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

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Comments/Commentaires : I'm writing in regards to the flooding in High River, Alberta. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] As you may or may not know, this area was the hardest hit of the flooding in High River. They have been informed that it will be another 3-5 weeks before they are even allowed to survey the damage. It's great that a majority of High River is re-entering and beginning to rebuild however, I fear that the shift of focus towards re-building will inevitably leave the devastation in the southeast to be forgotten. Although the \$1,250 debit cards are helpful, I struggle with the idea that these can sustain someone for 5-7 weeks of living expenses. Could you pay for all new clothes, toiletries, food, pet supplies, gas, mortgage payments (on a house under a lake), with \$1,250? Perhaps if homeowners in this area were allowed to re-enter (by boat, wearing protective gear, and signing a waiver) their homes to collect some personal affects, this would ease the enormous financial burden they are currently facing. There are reports that home owners did not receive any compensation for the 2005 floods until this year. How are you going to ensure that homes destroyed during these floods with receive financial support in less than 8 years? All they are asking for is re-assurance that they will not be forgotten, that there is a plan to receive some sort of financial support for their loses, and that their desire to be re-united with some of their belongings is being acknowledged. Thank you for the taking the time to consider this matter.

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I would like to acknowledge receipt of your e-mail to the Prime Minister. Thank you for taking the time to write and for sharing a description of the trying circumstances with which you are dealing.

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>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - High River >>>>

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Minister

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Comments/Commentaires : Prime Minister: We in High River are at the end of our ropes. I live in the [REDACTED] of High River, a small portion of the town. In my area, [REDACTED] There are Homes off their foundations, exposed sewer lines, sidewalk gone, houses twisted and cars turned. House with no yards left,..every imaginable piece of damage ever. People are tearing apart what was their homes, insulations, drywall, food clothing, furniture, fridges, stoves, freezers, toys, cars bicycles everything imaginable is now on the front stree of this side of town. They are letting people into the S and W sides today, can you imagine what this will be like come towmoorw...Now we have no dumpsters, no front end loaders to fill the dumpsters, we have a major health risk happening here. Mould is the factor. People are wearing hazard suits, how much longer are we suposed to go with ho HELP. The town will not let in supplies, 2 visitor passes per household. People have contracted their own dumpsters What about the seniors on Riverside Drive, what about all the elderly, the children,. I am afraid the longer the water lies on this SE and NE section of the town....parasite, mould will have all the residents....diseased...and sick. How much longer are some of these volunteers going to be able to cope..help they are exhausted as well...physically emotionally Please HELP [REDACTED] Concerned Citizen

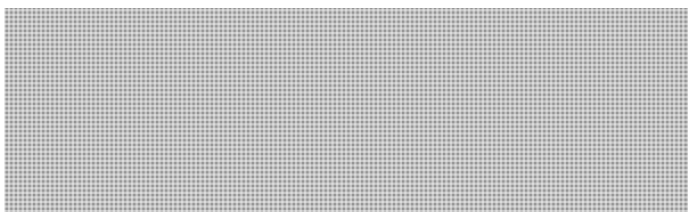
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The Office of the Prime Minister has forwarded to my predecessor, the Honourable Vic Toews, your correspondence of July 1, 2013, concerning the recent flooding in Alberta. I appreciate you writing at a time when you are facing such challenging circumstances.

Our government works closely with provinces and territories to assist Canadians when large natural disasters strike. Public Safety Canada administers the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) on behalf of the Government of Canada. The DFAA are intended to assist provinces and territories with response and recovery costs that exceed what they might reasonably be expected to bear on their own.

To support the Province of Alberta, the Government Operations Centre (GOC) coordinated nationally with federal departments and agencies to ensure an integrated response. The GOC response included, but was not limited to, the facilitation of a request for Canadian Armed Forces assistance, deployment of additional RCMP members to the area, the deployment of equipment from the National Emergency Stockpile System, the coordination of border crossings for personnel and equipment from the United States, access to flood zones for response teams, as well as coordination efforts to ensure that telecommunications systems remained operational.

Emergency management in Canada is a shared responsibility between all levels of governments with the majority of emergencies being handled locally. Within Canada's constitutional framework, provincial and territorial governments and local authorities provide the first response to the vast majority of emergencies after which the Government of Canada will assist at the request of the provincial and territorial governments.

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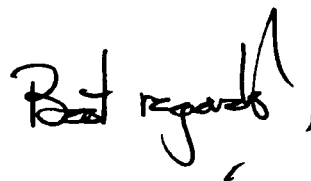
Following a natural disaster, it is the province or territory that is responsible for the design and delivery of financial assistance to those who are affected. The Government of Canada will share eligible expenses per the DFAA with the province or territory, and is currently working closely with the Province of Alberta to ensure that financial assistance for the recent flooding is rendered as expeditiously as possible. As a result, if you require more information about your particular circumstance, I would encourage you to contact your provincial emergency management office. You may find a link to that organization at: [www.aema.alberta.ca](http://www.aema.alberta.ca).

Please rest assured that the Government of Canada will continue to do everything it can to assist Albertans deal with this tragedy.

I appreciate the opportunity to clarify the role of the Government of Canada and the DFAA in supporting provinces and territories following natural disasters, and I wish you and your family well as you recover from this difficult time.



Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.  
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Comments/Commentaires : I just returned from [REDACTED] Alberta where I met [REDACTED] who is one of the many from High River who are dealing with the difficulties of the flood. Unfortunately, the main point of stress and anger added to the events this past Sunday was her learning from [REDACTED] that the RCMP had broke into their respective homes tramped mud through every room of their homes searching through closets etc only to confiscate rifles or shotguns which have been properly purchased or passed down from parents. These are properly registered and licensed firearms which had to be brought up from safes in basements to upper floors to prevent them from being ruined - this in just minutes before they had to evacuate their homes. They were hidden away from plain view as well as set behind furniture which was also brought up and stacked making it highly unlikely to be considered evident. In addition now to the long hard task of repairing their homes which, they will do themselves as most volunteer groups appear to have been turned away by the organizations controlling entry into the town, they must now also clean their carpets and furniture tramped with mud by those who instead of protecting the streets found it to be a higher priority to break into homes not to make sure people were out safely but to spend what must have been significant time to search every corner of a persons private home for firearms. This will be one of the most remembered incidents of this disaster.

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Comments/Commentaires : Dear Mr. Harper I am writing to express my outrage at the RCMP breaking into private homes and taking their guns without any legal cause. The RCMP are now criminal and should be charged . I have seen videos where dispatch is giving information on which homes have guns. This information according to you and your government has been destroyed. I guess that's not true. I voted for your party because I thought you believed in civil rights and liberties. We now can never evacuate our homes because we have to stay to protect them from the police. This kind of bully-boy behavior and police state tactics need to stop once and for all. In view of all the past bad behavior of the RCMP I feel that the force should be disbanded as it is rotten to the core. I look forward to your and your government's response to this outrageous abuse.

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**Sent:** July-05-13 4:09 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FW: High River

Andrew McGrath  
Press Secretary / Attaché de presse  
Office of the Minister of Public Safety / Cabinet du ministre de la Sécurité publique [andrew.mcgrath@ps-sp.gc.ca](mailto:andrew.mcgrath@ps-sp.gc.ca)

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**From:** Toews, Vic - Riding 1B [<mailto:vic.toews.c1b@parl.gc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 04, 2013 12:52 PM  
**To:** Toews, Vic  
**Subject:** FW: High River

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 30, 2013 6:10 AM  
**To:** Toews, Vic - Riding 1  
**Cc:** Vellacott, Maurice - Riding 1  
**Subject:** High River

Good morning,

May I add my voice to the people who are deeply concerned with the actions of the RCMP in High River, AB. The idea that the RCMP forcibly entered people's homes and confiscated private property under the guise of public safety is **ABSOLUTELY REPREHENSIBLE.**

From my understanding, there are certain high ranking elements within the RCMP that have strongly resisted any changes to the old gun registry. The recent tragedy in High River provided the RCMP a very convenient cloak under

**which to flex their authority. Unfortunately, authority without accountability leads to the dissolution of the rights and freedoms that our veterans fought to obtain/preserve. Let's not forget Remembrance Day even though its June.**

**I respectfully suggest that in the same way the RCMP seeks to hold law-breakers accountable for their actions, that the Government of Canada needs to hold the RCMP fully and publicly responsible for their recent actions. This is not the time for a weak-kneed, back-room political agreements.**

**Our family appreciates both your men's work and will pray for wisdom as you deal with this situation.**





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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 4 2013 12:28:00 PM >>>

Dear Prime Minister Harper:

WE sincerely hope that you continue to investigate the RCMP Gun Grab in High River.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

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**Sent:** July-05-13 2:45 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** WEBMAIL: Unwarranted seizure of guns in High River

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**Email**  
**Subject** Unwarranted seizure of guns in High River  
**Comments** Honorable Minister of Public Safety,

Please investigate the unwarranted seizure of guns from the residents of flooded High River, Alberta, by the RCMP. Canadian law forbids the police and government agents from taking citizens' property without a warrant. This cannot be allowed to go on. Citizens' rights have been violated.

Thank you,

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Dear Mr. Harper

I feel it is **IMPORTANT** that we have an understanding of just what happened during the recent rcmp gun grab in High River during the flood. I do not believe most of what the rcmp have been releasing to the media.

Reports are now coming in that guns were not in plain sight. People returning to homes can see the muddy footprints of the cops going straight to their closets, etc. One guy had his rifle in a hard case in his closet behind hanging clothes, with a blanket over it in his locked home. Cops found it and took it. Also, the emergency management act which the cops claimed to operate under was NOT invoked until after the seizures had taken place. And even then the emergency management act distinguishes between entering BUILDINGS and entering DWELLINGS, where people live. Cops can ONLY enter DWELLINGS while in hot pursuit, for instance in a medical emergency or pursuing a criminal, etc. Not to do a fishing expedition. This needs an inquiry.

It sounds to me a very similar situation to what happened during the G20 summit in Toronto when it was found out after the fact that the police and government did not have the authority to enforce laws it passed for the meeting. As reported in the toronto star then, ' It was "illegal" and "likely unconstitutional" for Premier Dalton McGuinty's government to pass a secret regulation that police used to detain people near Toronto's G20 summit of world leaders last summer, says Ombudsman Andre Marin.'

It seems to me this very disturbing action in High River is also an abuse of rights and we need an inquiry to find out how and why it happened.

This is **IMPORTANT** in a free and democratic society.

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**As the Prime Minister I feel it is incumbent upon you to ensure that the guarantees against warrantless searches and seizures written out in laws from the Magna Carta to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms are fully understood and enforced on the police. This calls for a strong statement, and for leadership.**

**Now rcmp have recorded all the serial numbers and addresses for the citizens of High River which were ordered destroyed with long gun registry. Was that their intent?**



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Comments/Commentaires : I feel it is IMPORTANT that we have an understanding of just what happened during the recent rcmp gun grab in High River during the flood. I do not believe most of what the rcmp have been releasing to the media. Reports are now coming in that guns were not in plain sight. People returning to homes can see the muddy footprints of the cops going straight to their closets, etc. One guy had his rifle in a hard case in his closet behind hanging clothes, with a blanket over it in his locked home. Cops found it and took it. Also, the emergency management act which the cops claimed to operate under was NOT invoked until after the seizures had taken place. And even then the emergency management act distinguishes between entering BUILDINGS and entering DWELLINGS, where people live. Cops can ONLY enter DWELLINGS while in hot pursuit, for instance in a medical emergency or pursuing a criminal, etc. Not to do a fishing expedition. This needs an inquiry. It sounds to me a very similar situation to what happened during the G20 summit in Toronto when it was found out after the fact that the police and government did not have the authority to enforce laws it passed for the meeting. As reported in the toronto star then, 'It was "illegal" and "likely unconstitutional" for Premier Dalton McGuinty's government to pass a secret regulation that police used to detain people near Toronto's G20 summit of world leaders last summer, says Ombudsman Andre Marin.' It seems to me this very disturbing action in High River is also an abuse of rights and we need an inquiry to find out how and why it happened. This is IMPORTANT in a free and democratic society. [REDACTED]

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**Sent:** July-05-13 4:04 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: RCMP seize guns from High River homes

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 04, 2013 1:32 PM

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**Subject:** FW: RCMP seize guns from High River homes

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**From:**

**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2013 8:43 PM

**To:** Sorenson, Kevin - M.P.; Prime Minister's Office; Toews, Vic - M.P.; Toews, Vic - Riding 1

**Subject:** RCMP seize guns from High River homes

Dear Sirs.

I am writing about the news article in the Calgary Herald regarding this incident in High River.

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/news/alberta/RCMP+seized+High+River+firearms+from+homes+control+situation/8588851/story.html>

I am deeply disturbed that the rights of law abiding citizens were infringed upon. Entering a home, taking personal property as they " have a significant amount of money invested in firearms", and then proving that

these firearms belong to you is crazy. I am sure that the RCMP did not loot the really expensive personal belonging and put them in a safe place.

I hope that in in very flooded home in Alberta that the police entered, searched the residence, and seized firearms from law abiding citizens, I think not!

Unbelievable



HIGH RIVER — RCMP revealed Thursday that officers have seized a "substantial amount" of firearms from homes in the evacuated town of High River.

"We just want to make sure that all of those things are in a spot that we control, simply because of what they are," said Sgt. Brian Topham.

"People have a significant amount of money invested in firearms ... so we put them in a place that we control and that they're safe."

That news didn't sit well with a crowd of frustrated residents who had planned to breach a police checkpoint northwest of the town as an evacuation order stretched into its eighth day.

"I find that absolutely incredible that they have the right to go into a person's belongings out of their home," said resident Brenda Lackey, after learning Mounties have been taking residents' guns. "When people find out about this there's going to be untold hell to pay."

#### See photos from the scene.

About 30 RCMP officers set up a blockade at the checkpoint, preventing 50 residents from walking into the town. Dozens more police cars, lights on, could be seen lining streets in the town on standby.

Officers laid down a spike belt to stop anyone from attempting to drive past the blockade. That action sent the crowd of residents into a rage.

"What's next? Tear gas?" shouted one resident.

"It's just like Nazi Germany, just taking orders," shouted another.

"This is the reason the U.S. has the right to bear arms," said Charles Timpano, pointing to the group of Mounties.

Officers were ordered to fall back about an hour into the standoff in order to diffuse the situation and listen to residents' concerns.

"We don't want our town to turn into another New Orleans," said resident Jeff Langford. "The longer that the water stays in our houses the worse it's going to be. We'll either be bulldozing them or burning them down because we've got an incompetent government."

Langford blasted High River Mayor Emile Blokland over comments made Wednesday in which Blokland said residents will be allowed to return after businesses, such as hardware and drug stores, are opened.

**"It was ridiculous," said Langford. "I think he's a puppet on a string."**

**Langford said Premier Redford should come to High River to address residents' concerns and provide information.**

**"This is at the highest tension," he said. "What's going to happen next is that people are just going to be walking across these fields, and I don't care if they put hundreds of thousand of police officers there, they're not going to stop from getting in."**

**Sgt. Topham said he didn't know when residents would be allowed to return to their homes. "People much higher up are going to make those decisions," he said.**

**He did confirm that officer relied on forced entry to get into numerous houses during the early stages of the flood because of an "urgent need", said Topham.**

**Police are no longer forcing themselves into homes and the residences that were forced open will be secured, he said.**

**Topham said the confiscated firearms have been inventoried and are secured at an RCMP detachment. He was not at liberty to say how many firearms had been confiscated.**

**"We have seized a large quantity of firearms simply because they were left by residents in their places," said Topham.**

**The guns will be returned to owners after residents are allowed back in town and they provide proof of ownership, Topham added.**

**Residents promised to returned to the checkpoint at noon every day until they are allowed to return to their homes.**

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**Read more:**

**<http://www.calgaryherald.com/Hell+Residents+angry+RCMP+sieze+guns+from+High+River+homes/8588851/story.html#ixzz2XTF5179y>**



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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 4 2013 9:26:50 PM >>>

Sir, Thank God for you and your government, but i have to tell you how disappointed i am to hear that our national police force, has become nothing more than common thieves in my opinion.

When they think they have the right to break down a persons door, just to steal their guns, this country has gone berzerk.

They have to more right to break down peoples door who have done nothing wrong, than i do theirs.  
These people are nothing more than thieves in my opinion and should be charged with theft.  
Whoever ordered this action should be fired, on the spot.  
Quite frankly sir, This makes your government look bad sir....

If you Sir, and your government, do not make the rules in this country, elections are useless.  
i thought the liebrals were bad, but if you and your government do not put a stop to this kind of action i do not see any reason to vote for you or send any more money.

We need a govenment with the backbone to do the right thing, i'm hoping that government is yours Sir. ....so do a lot of other people.

Thank you  
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City/Adresse : [REDACTED] Province : AB Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : PM Please provide me with answers to these questions over the High River police confiscation program during the floods of 2013. Did RCMP establish which homes were likely to contain firearms prior to conducting their search? Were any seized firearms in a locked room equipped with a trigger lock, or otherwise disabled? How many firearms were seized from how many homes? What were the formal orders given to officers conducting these searches? I await full answer to everyone of these questions. PS no passing of the buck Sir to another government agency this is one of many things we pay you to do. [REDACTED]

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jun 28 2013 10:40:12 PM >>>

I understand the RCMP violated the charter by entering people's homes around High River, Calgary and confiscated weapons.

The RCMP officers involved should be charged.

As a Canadian, I am opposed to any and all charter violations, and I strongly oppose the 'police state' mentality that took place in this situation.

Thanks

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 4 2013 3:49:29 PM >>>

Prime Minister Harper,

Sir:

The outrage that took place in High River by the RCMP against lawful Canadian citizens who happen to own firearms MUST never be allowed to happen again.

The RCMP ONLY targeted houses where firearms were known to be kept and the only way they could have done this in the time frame allotted was by using a computer download on gun owners in High River.

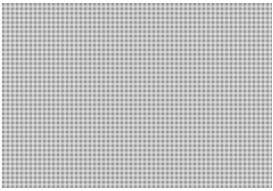
From what I understand this illegal operation was orchestrated by a Senior NCO at High River who has personal concerns about citizens having the basic legal right to own firearms, that firearms should only be in the hands of military personnel and police officers. That is dead wrong according to the laws all Canadians must live by. Honest Canadian Gun Owners do have rights.

RCMP officers are not required to be holders of a PAL (Possession & Acquisition) Firearms Licence. That should be changed immediately and as a result they may learn some common sense in dealing with firearms other than their duty weapons.

If in fact the RCMP targeted houses where guns were known to be kept the officers responsible MUST face the full force of the law. Let the Courts decide if they were conducting themselves lawfully.

Sincerely and with respect,

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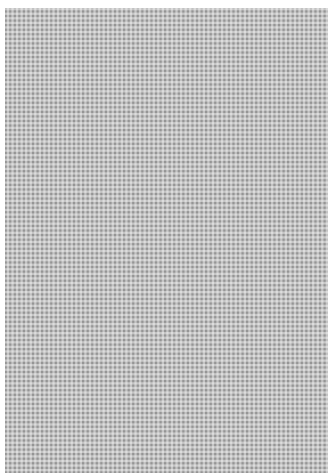


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- > This is a MUST WATCH video. 13 minutes.
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- > The 'POGROM' against law abiding citizens (who number well in excess
- > of 5
- > million) known as the C-68 Firearms Act MUST be repealed, as promised.
- > What happened in High River is an atrocity and it has placed the RCMP
- > in an international spotlight that reveals 'lying, cover up, break and
- > enter and theft' among other obnoxious and frightening acts that smack
- > of 'police state.' This is NOT the Canada we grew up in and built to
- > have a vicious and fraudulently passed law tear down and destroy our
- > most basic rights and freedoms. As more and more evidence is revealed
- > that the RCMP were NOT looking for 'pets and people' (how many homes
- > were bypassed before '619' was chosen by radio advice about
- > 'firearms?') but obviously targeting ONLY known firearms owners and
- > violating their homes, the truth will come out. But this will happen
- > ONLY if honest media outlets such as Sun Media CONTINUE to report the facts and point out the lies and coverup.
- > Thank you Brian Lilley and Tony Bernardo for helping expose this rot.
- > It is an outrage.
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- > This is a Sun News Brian Lilley clip with Tony Bernardo on the High
- > River Gun Grab by the RCMP. Thanks to both Tony and Brian Lilley for
- > standing up for the average citizen here. Please make sure your email
- > lists get to see this. Personally I think we should see this go to the
- > SCOC. And start a drive backing Tony all the way on this with specific
- > funding drive just for this case. Just my 2 cents. Video is on
- > [smalldeadanimals](http://www.smalldeadanimals.com/) a Western Canada conservative blog.
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**Subject** Illegal entry by RCMP

**Comments** Please Initiate an inquiry as to how the RCMP, which is an organization paid to ensure that laws are upheld, broke and entered into citizens homes in High River and confiscated guns. Not only do the residents have to deal with the tragedy of a flood they also have to deal with the fact that the RCMP committed many many criminal acts and are guilty of break and enter and theft. This is disgusting.

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 4 2013 9:46:17 PM >>>

Are you going to have an inquiry into the RCMP for there illegal grab of firearms?  
You should start by telling the RCMP to answer the SUN News channel four basic questions?  
I believe there was a crime spree by some rogue officers in High River, are you going to have independent officers from other provinces investigate this.

This was a disgrace for a democratic Country. I am not a gun owner either just love freedom.  
Regards  
[REDACTED]



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**Sent:** Friday, July 05, 2013 11:07 AM

**To:** Toews.Vic

**Subject:** FW: High River firearms seizures

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Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

Recently during the flooding in Calgary the RCMP took it upon themselves to illegally remove legally owned firearms from

individuals houses.

Please read the following article:

<<http://www.redicecreations.com/article.php?id=25859>>

Please do whatever is required to make sure that this never occurs again.

Thanks.

[REDACTED]

'Nothing else in the world...not all the armies...is so powerful as an idea whose time has come.' - Victor Hugo

'Why should one adult tell another adult how to live.' - Author Unknown

**'Posterity you will never know how much it cost us to preserve your freedom, and I hope that you will make a good use of it. If you do not then I will repent in heaven for taking on half the pains to preserve it.' - John Adams**

**'When mining for gold, are you looking for dirt or are you looking for gold?' - Author Unknown**

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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June 28, 2013 2350 hrs

So from what I hear now coming out of High Water the *"guns taken were only those guns seen lying around while police were searching homes for victims of the floods"*.

Also noted is that the *" police nor crown are not looking at any charges"* so what this implies is that if the owners, before they fled, decided to remove their guns on purpose from their containers or vaults or safes they did so to prevent water damages.

This happened once to a gun of mine and the wood swelled and cracked some metal components. Quite damaging to a valuable & practical gun. This points out a serious flaw and failing and unreasonableness of the Safe Storage Act

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Also, bear in mind of what defines "*lying around*".

I think too that nearly every gun owner and nearly every gun has a trigger lock and if they were attached, therefore No laws were broken as I understand it?... and why "*no charges are contemplated.*"

If this is all so, then it is the RCMP that are breaking some Laws here?

Tell me what you think and read into this big story out of Highwater.

Sounds like too if there is ever another form of Canadian disaster, people will recall this event and refuse to evacuate their homes in the future if they believe and remember that the RCMP did this, and they did do this under a concealed preplanned protocol or "your-eyes-only" plan, it would appear.

And what would *that* be called?

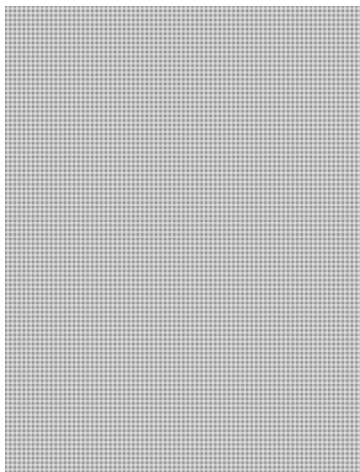
This action is very troubling, not right.



**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** webmail@ps-sp.gc.ca  
**Sent:** July-05-13 9:59 AM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** WEBMAIL: Guns

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**Subject** Guns

**Comments** It came to my attention through LifeSiteNews that in High River the police took many of the peoples firearms. I think this was not the best solution. I hope next time the police use a more proactive and honest approach. Thankyou.



**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** July-05-13 3:57 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

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S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 4 2013 7:03:25 PM >>>

Date: 2013/7/4 7:01:05 PM

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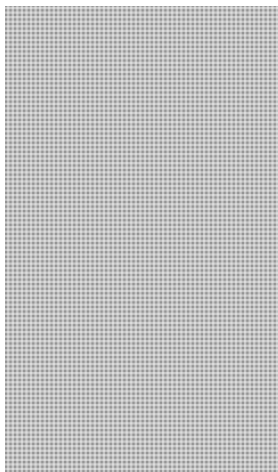
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Comments/Commentaires : As more and more information comes to light from the actions of the RCMP, some one should be going to jail for break and entry. As well as a total disregard for personal property and the charter of rights. I understand houses not in the flood zone were entered. Canada is not a police state. Where is the inquiry.

**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** webmail@ps-sp.gc.ca  
**Sent:** July-07-13 2:42 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** WEBMAIL: Fire arm seizure in high river

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**Subject** Fire arm seizure in high river

**Comments** I am writing to Inform you of my extreme concern with the actions of the RCMP during the flood crisis in High River. The seizure of firearms without a warrant is a severe violation of Canadian civil rights.

An adequate and effective remedy to this situation will be an admonition of wrong, an apology, and a hasty return of confiscated weapons.

Please restore my trust in the RCMP.



P.S. No email response is necessary. The actions of the RCMP in the next few days will speak for themselves.

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NO RESPONSE  
NEEDED.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** July-08-13 2:25 PM  
**To:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle; Biss Marc-R00051  
**Subject:** RE: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Good afternoon Mr./Ms. Russell,

I just learned that the Honourable Vic Toews, Minister of Public Safety has resigned. He is a good man and he has done a good job. I hope that my message to the Prime Minister, and also to him, will be shared with the new Minister of Public Safety as soon as he or she is selected.

I would also like to add to my message a recommendation that I would like the Prime Minister and the new Minister of Public Safety to consider. During Hurricane Katrina, law enforcement and military agencies confiscated the firearms of citizens of the State of Louisiana. These citizens were deprived of liberty and property without due process of law in violation of fundamental rights under the Constitution. In response, the United States enacted the Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act of 2006 that addressed the unlawful behavior of the uniformed officials in Louisiana and re-affirmed everyone's right to liberty and property.

The situation at High River and the events that followed, demonstrated that the RCMP deprived Canadians of property without due process of law in violation of their fundamental rights under the Constitution. Regardless of the outcome of the current investigation of RCMP actions, I would hope to see our Conservative Government re-affirm our natural rights as assured by hundreds of years of Constitutional guarantees. Please consider the Disaster Recovery Personal Protection Act of 2006 as a template and a source of inspiration for similar Canadian legislation.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

—Original Message—

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre [mailto:PM@pm.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 04, 2013 10:48 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Vic Toews, P.C., M.P.  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

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>>> From :

Received : Jun 28 2013 2:03:26 PM >>>

Dear Prime Minister Harper,

It is alarming to find out that the RCMP forced people from their houses and once they were out of High River, the RCMP went back and broke into those empty homes.

Through forcible entry (without a warrant), the RCMP entered the homes of law-abiding Canadians and stole their firearms. The RCMP are now trying to spin the story by telling Kelly Cryderman and Josh Wingrove of the GLOBE AND MAIL that they seized 'Firearms that were unsafely stored in plain sight'. Hogwash!

I want an investigation by our Conservative Government to determine whether houses with firearms were specifically targeted. If the homes were hand-picked, it is evidence that the RCMP has retained and still uses the data from the federal firearms registry that Parliament ordered scrapped.

I agree with Tony Bernardo, executive director of the Canadian Institute for Legislative Action (CILA) and the Canadian Shooting Sports Association (CSSA). He is quoted as saying:

'How is leaving your home for a flood any different than leaving to watch the kids play hockey or go on vacation? The police went rogue and operated way beyond their mandate. They spun out of control under the guise of being public safety caretakers. In these situations, the police simply secure the area and refuse admittance to non-residents.'

The police and Armed Forces were guarding the flood perimeter and patrolling streets, there was no need to break into private homes. Every week, we read about RCMP officers breaking the law, OPP officers disobeying court orders and local police being found guilty of assaulting innocent citizens (Barrie Police). It might be time for a public inquiry into policing and police leadership in Canada.

Kind regards,

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**From:** Toews, Vic - M.P. <vic.toews@parl.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** July-08-13 3:20 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FW: RCMP during High River Flood

FYI

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** July 8, 2013 3:09 PM  
**To:** Toews, Vic - M.P.  
**Subject:** Fwd: RCMP during High River Flood

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**Date:** Wed, Jul 3, 2013 at 10:40 AM  
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**To:** [ron.campbell@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:ron.campbell@rcmp-grc.gc.ca), [rob.nicholson@parl.gc.ca](mailto:rob.nicholson@parl.gc.ca), [irwin.cotler@parl.gc.ca](mailto:irwin.cotler@parl.gc.ca),  
[Francoise.Boivin@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Francoise.Boivin@parl.gc.ca), [ministryofjustice@gov.ab.ca](mailto:ministryofjustice@gov.ab.ca)

I am once again shown the "We are above the law" attitude of the RCMP when you see how they handled the floods in High River. Questions need to be asked as to why it is the RCMP felt the need to violate laws by breaking into homes and looting them? The RCMP claim that they had the authority under those situations to do that, and yes they did, but the question should be did they need to? When I look at the communities that were affected by this flood I see that the Calgary Police Service while having the same authority to break into homes did not do that. I see that while the Calgary Police Service had the same authority to "secure" weapons they did not. The city of Calgary evacuated exponentially more people and homes and businesses than the RCMP in High River yet they did not seize any weapons. I guess that means there are no gun owners in Calgary that were affected by the flood right?

I am absolutely disgusted that the RCMP would use opportunities such as the fires in Slave Lake and the floods in High River to "secure" weapons. I think Joe Anglin, MLA said it best when he said "The role of the RCMP is to protect life, property, and to keep order. In this regard the RCMP failed miserably. In High River RCMP constables went door to door in the community breaking into homes with the aid of a locksmith, and in some cases they kicked in the doors. Why these constables couldn't wait for a locksmith has not been explained, and there is no final accounting of how many doors they kicked in as of this writing."

Will we see charges laid against officers that took the opportunity to seize weapons after kicking in doors with no reasonable justification? Not likely. Will we see the RCMP held accountable for their actions and the demonstrated aggression of laying spike belts when there is no threat of high speed chase? Not likely. Will anything come of this? Yes. The public trust of the RCMP is once again eroded further. I feel privileged and safe living inside the boundaries of the City of Calgary because I know the CPS is a professional, and accountable police force. I have the luxury of trusting the CPS, and I feel safer knowing that the RCMP have no jurisdiction in Calgary. I feel sorry for the any communities that have to rely on the RCMP for protection or policing. I am constantly seeing the RCMP abuse their authority, treat the public like garbage, and violate their own RCMP act. When will

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the RCMP finally wake up and realize that they need to start to answer for their abuse of public trust? when will we see RCMP held up to the standards laid out in the RCMP act as well as the criminal code? When will the RCMP realize that they are here to serve the public and not abuse their authority over them? When will the individual officers get some pride in their uniform and start to get this under control? When will those officers that want to do a good job stop allowing their co-workers to disrespect them and their uniform? The RCMP need to start showing some pride in what they could be and stop abusing the public.

And if they are to continue to provide policing services in Alberta perhaps they better start treating the people of Alberta with the respect we all deserve. I am in full support of Joe Anglin when asking for a public inquiry into their actions during this time of crisis for the people of High River.

Sincerely,



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**From:** webmail@ps-sp.gc.ca  
**Sent:** July-08-13 11:01 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** WEBMAIL: RCMP actions

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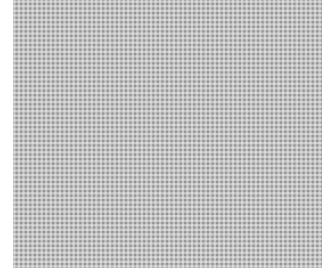
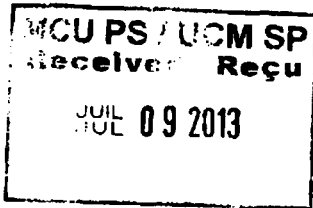
**Comments** High River police recently proved their true colours.

It was disconcerting to see the police using their privileged status and their firearms database to locate houses, break in like common criminals and walk out with items they had not paid for, neither had a warrant for, nor any reasonable cause.

Is it really the Canadians way of life to be picked on by corrupt bureaucrats, opportunistic hoplophobic monkeys with serious disrespect of citizens and private property?

These RCMP are sworn to serve and protect, they violated the very ones they should have been protecting. They clearly broke laws on several levels, starting with natural laws, and continuing with the laws of this land.

What happens now will be the defining moment. Are we going to see justice served? Such criminal behaviour must be followed quickly by serious jail time. When we voted for a law and order platform in the last election, we meant clean house starting from the top.



The Right Honourable Vic Toews

269 Laurier Avenue West

Ottawa, Ontario

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Dear Mr. Toews,

As you are no doubt aware of the recent flooding in High River, Alberta and the subsequent gun confiscations by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, I'm compelled to write to you about this egregious behaviour. A dangerous precedence has been set, where a police agency, whose primary role is to investigate crime has overstepped its authority. When were the police given sweeping power to break into homes, search those homes and then confiscate private property? Video footage taken by the RCMP show officers travelling through flooded streets in boats, which didn't appear to have any equipment on board to rescue pets or people, which incidentally is one of their excuses for entering those homes.

There was, at one point in Canadian history where law abiding gun owners would be called upon to assist the police in an emergency. Sadly, we are no longer seen as an asset, but a liability, and our liberty to own and operate firearms is needlessly over regulated. Homes were apparently broken into without search warrants, illegally searched, and firearms owned by law abiding citizens confiscated all in the name of 'public safety', by an agency who should have called upon those gun owners to help them. This is truly a shameful day for Canadians, and I call upon you, sir to call for an investigation of the RCMP in this matter.

Sincerely,



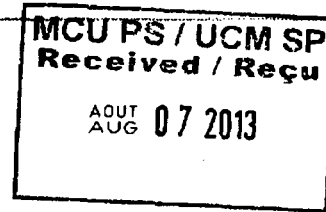


**deVielCastel, Elizabeth**

**Subject:** FW: Thank you for giving notice to RCMP re: High River

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**De :** [REDACTED]  
**Date d'envoi :** 22 juillet 2013 13 h 50  
**À :** Blaney, Steven - M.P./Député  
**Objet :** Fw: Thank you for giving notice to RCMP re: High River



Dear Minister Blaney,

Congratulations on your new role and responsibilities.

In response to Minister Toew's recent resignation and your new appointment, I would like to forward this message copy on the very troubling issue of gun seizures from vacant homes by the RCMP in High River, Alta..

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our country.

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 3, 2013 1:24:55 PM  
**Subject:** Thank you for giving notice to RCMP re: High River

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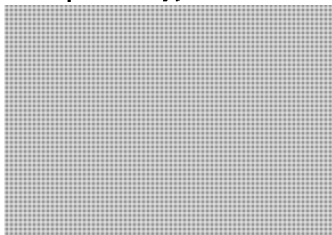
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Respectfully,



Copied:

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Honourable Vic Toews, Minister for Public Safety

## **Ministerial Correspondence Unit - Mailout**

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**From:** Ministerial Correspondence Unit - Mailout  
**Sent:** 2013-Sep-06 11:03 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Correspondence from the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence of July 23, 2013, concerning the RCMP in High River, Alberta.

At the outset, I would like to thank you for your kind words on the occasion of my appointment as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. I am honoured to assume the responsibilities of this position and I intend to work with great commitment to maintain and enhance the integrity and professionalism of Canada's system of justice.

As you are aware, the RCMP falls under the purview of my colleague the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. I note that you also addressed your correspondence to Minister Blaney's predecessor. While I appreciate being made aware of your concerns, I will leave this matter to be considered by Minister Blaney.

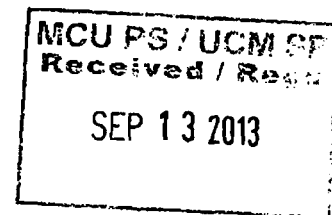
The oversight of policing services in Alberta is the responsibility of the Honourable Jonathan Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta. Therefore, if you have not already done so, you may wish to share your concerns with Minister Denis. His contact information is available at <http://justice.alberta.ca/contact/Pages/default.aspx?WT.svl=header>.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours truly,

The Honourable Peter MacKay

c.c.: The Honourable Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness



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## Ministerial Correspondence Unit

**From:** MacKay, Peter - M.P. [peter.mackay@parl.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** 2013-Jul-24 2:20 PM  
**To:** Ministerial Correspondence Unit  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you for giving notice to RCMP re: High River

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** July 23, 2013 3:31 PM  
**To:** MacKay, Peter - M.P.  
**Subject:** Fw: Thank you for giving notice to RCMP re: High River

Dear Minister MacKay,  
Congratulations on your new roles and responsibilities. Thank you for your successes in past roles. Canadians are very fortunate.

I would like to forward this message, I sent to Prime Minister Harper, on the very troubling issue of gun seizures from vacant homes by the RCMP in High River, Alta..  
Thank you for taking time to read my concerns on this very disturbing and confounding situation. My hope is that our government investigates, sanctions, and follows up with legislation to protect its citizens from further abuse of power and disregard for the law by the RCMP. Furthermore, the entire RCMP organization should be swiftly, thoughtfully, and profoundly changed so that it can *start* to earn back that lost trust, -trust that is so crucial to our democracy.

Thank you for your consideration and service to our country.  
Sincerely,

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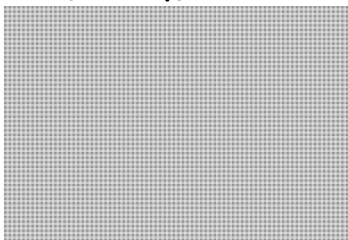
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**Durocher, Nathalie**

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**Sent:** July-24-13 9:54 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la  
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Executive Correspondence Officer  
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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 11 2013 1:15:10 PM >>>

Honorable Premier Redford, Mr Mike Lake, and Right Honorable Prime Minister Harper;

I held off writing this email for some time after the High River flooding happened and the news story regarding the theft of private property from disadvantaged citizens who were let down by those they trusted most.

I wanted to make sure that cooler heads prevailed in the media and that the facts were collected before I jumped on the condemnation bandwagon of the RCMP and in particular Acting Sgt Topham's conduct of the situation.

As a resident of Alberta, a long time PC supporter both Provincially and Federally, and a taxpaying Canadian I have to admit that it pains me greatly to have to even write this letter.

I do not believe I am alone in my appreciation for the work done on behalf of Canadians by all of the public servants in aiding the community of High River in this time of need. But I also believe that during these situations of stress and tribulations for affected Albertans, the responsibility of government to remain vigilant and considerate of peoples personal rights and property is still paramount.

Public opinion would likely support a effort to look to houses to ensure public safety of any occupants, but I think the same public would be very adamant in their opposition to the seizure of personal property. Particularly when optics suggest that it is done under the auspice of public safety. Alberta is not New Orleans - there are significant socioeconomic and cultural differences in the two locales.

There are several questions that come to mind. The first is to what specific rationale is this being carried out (especially given the heightened demand for resources considering there is a unprecedented natural disaster)?

Also - why did the officer in charge specifically give the orders for this type of activity?

The given rationale 'In the interest of public safety' has several specific fatal flaws in the logic. If the reports are true, some firearms were properly stored with trigger locks in a locked domicile. The addition of flood water would actually make them less obtainable, unless of course there is a distinct desire for them to be taken.

There are still unanswered questions as to how these houses were chosen? Was there information (eg. PAL/POL information) used to isolate specific target homes to be searched? Homes that were clearly not flooded or damaged were invaded and firearms were taken from them, and residents are still not allowed into their personal property as of the date I write this 11 July 2013!

One report suggested the RCMP seized these firearms because of their value. Were other valuables seized? No, we know the answer to this question already.

Another report suggests it was for public safety. Were other threats to public safety seized? No, again, other items that could potentially be lethal were also left alone.

I would hope that as this situation unfolds, that the truth of the whole situation comes to the forefront.

Firearms owners are not criminals by default, despite criminal code sections 91 and 92 that attempt to make it so. It is time for the fear and persecution towards gun owners (and all Canadians) to stop. Canadians deserve better. Alberta deserves better and the affected folks of High River deserve better.

Please right this injustice and restore some faith in our police, the military and Government. The nation is watching.

Sincerely,



**From:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**To:** Arsenault, Roger  
**Subject:** FW: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre  
**Date:** July-24-13 10:08:01 AM

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Sent: July-24-13 9:54 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 7 2013 3:21:14 PM >>>

Dear Hon Stephen Harper,

Please accept and review my following comments to the Public Safety Minister, Hon. Vic Toews. I very much believe that the actions of the RCMP in High River were bad enough to warrant some strong actions by your Ministers.

Sincerely, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Sunday, July 07, 2013 12:13 PM  
To: Vic Toews MP <mailto:toewsv1@parl.gc.ca>  
Cc: Rob Nichols MP <mailto:Nichor1@parl.gc.ca> ; james lunney  
<mailto:nanaimo@jameslunneymc.ca> ; [REDACTED]

Subject: High River ,Alta...comments

Dear Hon. Vic Toews,

I recently read the following excerpt from a public forum, and I have to admit that I agree, that the RCMP's actions were way out-of-line & illegal or immoral and needs addressing and investigating, and the image, the conduct, of the RCMP is shocking, seems a new story crops up weekly in this country



every week.

I often wonder and ask visitors from the E.U. if their Police Forces are constantly in the frying pan like some of ours, and the answer is No, nothing comparable.

I respectfully ask of you to get into this story and have some answers and accountability from the RCMP, and Paulson, and clean these guys up. This is also another indicator that the Fire-Arms Act left to us by Allan Rock/McLellan and the existing bureaucrats is wrong and needs a complete tearing-down and overhaul and an understanding that Canadian Firearms owners are a good lot of people and any comparisons to criminals or American 'bad stories' is total nonsense. Time to take us back to pre-1994-era. We have proven ourselves to be the good guys and women, unlike our Serge-Uniformed Police.



Quote...

....the Minister of Public Safety should be standing tall in High River, Alberta, ordering RCMP to deliver firearms back to every home they stole them from, force them to pay for the damage they caused out of their own pockets, then fire every single RCMP member who partook in the thievery. The commanding officer of the High River RCMP Detachment should also be fired immediately. If that individual issued the order they must be fired. If they did NOT issue the order they must be fired because they have no control over the men under their command.

When we see photos of muddy footprints going directly to closets where guns were seized, and those footprints go nowhere else EXCEPT directly to the closet, it is clear to anyone with a brain capable of the simplest thought that the RCMP is lying.

While the RCMP continues to claim there was no order given to seize firearms, that simply doesn't pass the Smell Test, does it?

And where is RCMP Commissioner Robert Paulson in all this? Nobody knows. I cannot find a single reference of him and the criminal actions of his police force in High River in the same article. Robert Paulson took over the RCMP on a ticket of "reforming" the RCMP, yet under his watch criminal acts by RCMP members continues to rise. When his members blatantly and without repercussion violate the Charter Rights and Freedoms of Canadians there is no Rule of Law in Canada any longer.

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**To:** Arsenault, Roger  
**Subject:** FW: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre  
**Date:** July-24-13 10:10:28 AM

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Agency A-RCMP

B.F. 22/08/2013

Signature

Minister

File # MINBLA 9400-4 UNC

Roger:

Please log this one separately in a green docket and assign to RCMP for reply.

Nathalie

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: July-24-13 9:54 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle

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S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
Agent de correspondance  
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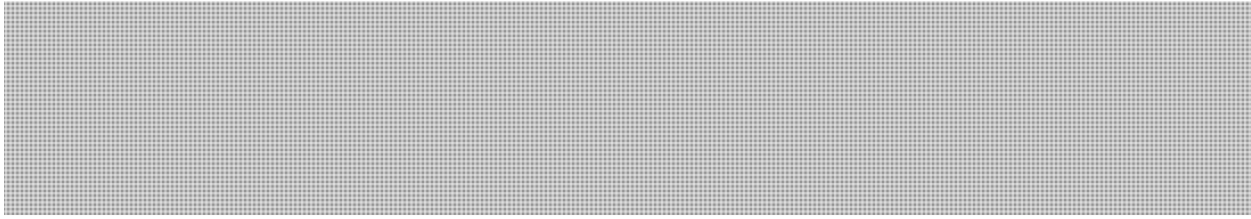
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Comments/Commentaires : I would like to express my unhappiness with the way that the RCMP handled the unsecured gun issue in High River during the recent flood.

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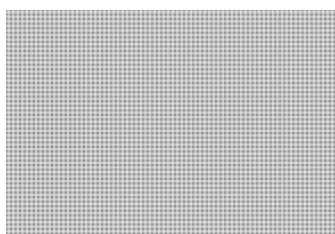
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July 14, 2013

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper

Office of the Prime Minister

80 Wellington Street

Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

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Dear Mr. Stephen Harper

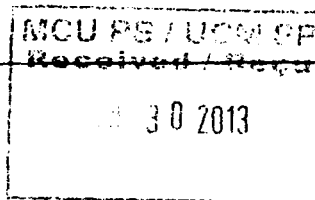
[REDACTED] and I are two of the [REDACTED] who were flooded out and had to be evacuated. We waited along with thousands of others, to return home. I know that our town officials were overwhelmed. I was glad that the C.F. came, I was also happy that the RCMP were keeping out looters. But my appreciation of the RCMP no longer exists. When the flood came I was able to rescue [REDACTED] rifles from the basement and put them on the top floor, out of site behind a bunch of furniture. Only our basement was flooded, the RCMP kicked in our front door, broke the jam, and proceeded to track mud everywhere searching every level of the house, pushing aside the furniture in their search for our rifles. The RCMP then be came the looters that we feared would get into our house. Instead of having only our basement to deal with, we now have three stories to clean. It is not the fact that they took the rifles, but that they added to the destruction of our home and added to our anguish over this whole event. We insist that these officers be disciplined, that we are compensated for the destruction of our property and that an apology be made by the officers to us personally. Thank you for your time and I hope that this matter can be resolved.

[REDACTED]

**deleRue, Jean-Christophe**

**Subject:** New submission from Ask A Question

**De :** Hawn, Laurie - M.P.  
**Date d'envoi :** 24 juillet 2013 14 h 25  
**À :** Blaney, Steven - M.P./Député  
**Objet :** FW: New submission from Ask A Question



Dear Minister Blaney,

Enclosed is some correspondence from one of my constituents regarding firearms storage and the RCMP.

It would be most appreciated if you would respond to his concerns directly and copy me for my records.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Laurie Hawn, PC, CD, MP  
Edmonton Centre



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** June 26, 2013 5:55 PM  
**To:** Hawn, Laurie - M.P.  
**Subject:** New submission from Ask A Question

**Request Topic**

Other

**Your question or comment**

I have a real problem with the safe storage of firearms. The police and RCMP are abusing this. Taking away firearms from honest shooters under very flimsy excuses and with no search warrants. I feel the whole mess should be scrapped as a waste of time and billions of dollars.

Thanks

**Salutation**

Mr.

**Name**

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**Durocher, Nathalie**

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Province : BC Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : It is very unsettling that the RCMP have took it upon themselves to brake into the houses to take firearms during the flood in High River . That seemed to be their primary concern not searching for stranded residents. The criticism that was directed towards you for your comments was unfounded and show's to me that the RCMP are out of control in this country.What ever happened to the RCMP we respected so much 30 years ago? I'm very disappointed in them these days it seem to be one scandal after another .



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**Durocher, Nathalie**

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Date: 2013/7/6 2:15:14 AM

Name/Nom : [REDACTED]

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Province : AB Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : Commissioner of the RCMP recently announced that there would be an investigation into whether or not there was a violation of policy with the searches of over 4600 homes in High River. If he thinks this is a policy matter, he does not understand. The accusation is that the RCMP violated these home owner rights under the charter of rights. It may well have been necessary to enter some of these homes to save lives both human and animal but some due diligence is required to identify the homes where there may be people at risks. There should not be a knock and search of 4600 homes. Once inside those homes, the search should have been confined to the original purpose. The plain site doctrine could apply for 'improperly' stored firearms that were illegal but even those seizures would be petty under the circumstances. To suggest that they were 'securing property and then going away leaving broken doors is laughable. Even in emergencies and where there is a need, the sanctity of the home should be violated only when necessary in the extreme purposes laid out in Canadian Law. That is the point that the investigation should address. I would ask that the Minister of Justice be made clearly aware of that issue if he has not already aware. I would also ask the Commission of the RCMP clearly understand that the matter is not Policy or error is judgement but a concern for an outright breach of Charter rights of up to 4600 Canadian households.

**Durocher, Nathalie**

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Date: 2013/7/7 10:00:00 PM

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Province : BC Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : Short & sweet: The RCMP are reported to have broken into homes and removed personal property. I blame you. The RCMP are out of control. I blame you. What is the next illegal act by your government? I thought the liberals and NDP were to be feared but it seems my concerns are misplaced.

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**Durocher, Nathalie**

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 5 2013 4:00:17 PM >>>

Stephen Harper,

What was your reaction to the dramatic entry, search and seizure of private citizens homes, firearms, etc in High River, Alberta! Mine was one of first shock, then anger and now action. As a Canadian citizen I'm appalled at the actions of the RCMP, and don't agree or 'buy' their reasoning of trying to get firearms to a 'safe' place and not at risk of being stolen and on the streets!

This case in particular really rankles my being:

High River resident Cam Fleury believes his house, which was not at all flooded or in a flood zone, was targeted by the RCMP. Upon returning to his home, he found a door kicked in, and it appears a gun safe in his closet was touched, though not opened.

Fleury's neighbours were not so lucky, as their front door was ripped completely off its hinges, and was found lying in the yard.

Sun News paid a visit to Cam Fleury's home to view the damage.

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I've sent this email to the RCMP to express my concern, anger and outrage:

RCMP

As a Canadian Citizen, the way High River residents and their homes were treated with such disregard during the Alberta Flooding brings me GREAT CONCERN.

WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?: High River resident Cam Fleury believes his house, which was not at all flooded or in a flood zone, was targeted by the RCMP. Upon returning to his home, he found a door kicked in, and it appears a gun safe in his closet was touched, though not opened. Fleury's neighbours were not so lucky, as their front door was ripped completely off its hinges, and was found lying in the yard.

WHY THE DISTRUCTION: Door kicked in, just get a lock-smith. Front door ripped completely off it's hinges and thrown in the yard! REALLY, was that necessary? Thieves might have entered these houses that way, NOT the RCMP, what was the purpose of such distruction, disregard and disrespect????

I as a Canadian citizen demand answers regarding this! My father was a WWII veteran, fought and was willing to lay down his life, so myself and all other Canadians could have rights and freedoms, that the RCMP trampled in this situation. It causes me GREAT concern! When did Canada become a

police state? When can RCMP just blatantly, brashly enter a house without permission to destroy property and search for guns? You CAN'T!!!

I'm not a gun owner myself, but I believe many rights of citizens were trampled and disregarded in this situation and several others in the High River, Alberta area with the entering of houses, searching and convascating fire arms. As a Canadian citizen I will stand up and speak out when mine and others rights are blatantly disregarded and trampled, by government, RCMP or anyone else who tries to take away rights and freedoms men like my father & grandfather before him fought so proudly & bravely to defend and maintain!

Sincerely,

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Mr. Prime Minister-----You & your government, MUST look into these incidences, investigate and make sure they never happen again to any Canadian Citizens. This is teetering towards a 'police state'...something I will fiercely protest, stand against and oppose with every fibre of my being. Please let me and all other Canadians know you OPPOSE as vigourously! ACT NOW.....before it's too late. This can not be ignored, without serious implications down the road!

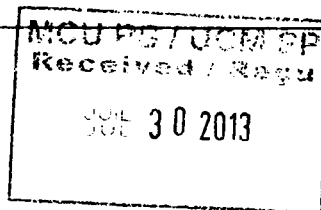
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**deleRue, Jean-Christophe**

**Subject:** High Water

**De :** Warawa, Mark - M.P.  
**Date d'envoi :** 25 juillet 2013 20 h 37  
**À :** [REDACTED]  
**Cc :** Blaney, Steven - M.P./Député  
**Objet :** RE: High Water



Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for taking the time to write to me and share your concerns. As this matter falls within the purview of the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to him for consideration.

Thank you again for your correspondence.

Regards,  
Mark Warawa, MP  
Langley

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 29, 2013 7:36 PM  
**To:** Warawa, Mark - Assistant 3  
**Subject:** High Water

**Dear Mr. Warawa;**

***I'm very proud of Mr. Harper's statement to the RCMP regarding their entering into locked homes to confiscate firearms under the pretext of looking for victims. They said they took the firearms because they were "valuable" - and yet did not confiscate jewellery etc.***

***I just watched a News video in which a police officer wearing muddy boots was on the stairs leading to the second story of a home. I'm sure there would be no silent victims requiring his help on the upper floor. According to the radio this afternoon, they seized firearms that were visible - if you looked on closet shelves.***

***I hope Mr. Harper goes further to pass laws preventing this from ever happening again. What the RCMP have done will endanger lives during future disasters when people will refuse to leave their homes. I'm sure the majority of owners had the necessary trigger guards as per laws.***

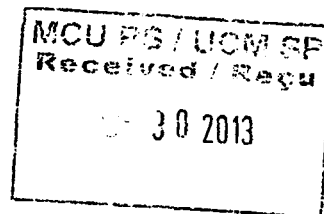
***My heart goes out to the people of High River - they have suffered immensely from the flooding, and now from a sense of violation.***

***Sincerely,***  
[REDACTED]

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**deleRue, Jean-Christophe**

**Subject:** High River High Handedness: RCMP Way Out of Bounds



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> De : Warawa, Mark - M.P.  
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> À : \_\_\_\_\_  
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> Thank you again for your correspondence.

> Regards,  
> Mark Warawa, MP  
> Langley

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> Sent: Saturday, June 29, 2013 7:21 PM  
> To: Warawa, Mark - M.P.  
> Cc: \_\_\_\_\_  
> Subject: High River High Handedness: RCMP Way Out of Bounds

> Dear Sir,

> I am a constituent of yours and \_\_\_\_\_ I am appalled at the apparent 'fishing-trip' that the RCMP embarked upon whilst nominally trying to locate flood victims at High River, Alberta. There must be full public disclosure of exactly what the RCMP did and why. Did they enter all homes in the evacuation zone? Did they enter homes that were otherwise secure and without flood damage? Did they search only for people or did they open closets and back rooms in order to root out firearms? The optics of this situation are very poor. I have always supported the RCMP and the police in general but if this is the type of response we see to emergencies I suspect people will be much less likely to cooperate with the authorities in the future. The RCMP are now saying they will not return firearms that either people can't prove they owned or that they didn't have properly registered. I want the RCMP arresting looters and securing neighborhoods in flood zones and fire zones etc. I do not believe they should be actively breaking into houses and then shopping about for crimes to prosecute. That sort of thing is out of a bad novel. By the same token they ought to have removed other valuables to secure lockup, not just firearms. I am very concerned.

> I have also heard the RCMP are spending untold hundreds of thousands of dollars on a 'FOB' (forward

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operating base) at Cayley, Alberta some miles South of High River. They should be spending that money on building shelter for the poor folks who've lost their homes.

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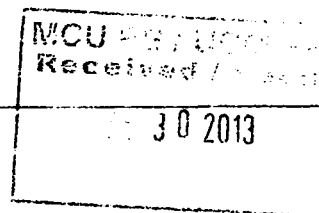
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**Subject:** [CSSA-CILA E-News] TEAM CSSA SPECIAL REPORT - June 28, 2013



**De :** Warawa, Mark - M.P.

**Date d'envoi :** 25 juillet 2013 20 h 33

**À :** [REDACTED]

**Cc :** Blaney, Steven - M.P./Député

**Objet :** RE: [CSSA-CILA E-News] TEAM CSSA SPECIAL REPORT - June 28, 2013

Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you again for your correspondence.

Regards,  
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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Saturday, June 29, 2013 5:17 PM

**To:** Warawa, Mark - M.P.

**Subject:** FW: [CSSA-CILA E-News] TEAM CSSA SPECIAL REPORT - June 28, 2013

Dear Minister,

WRT the article attached and further info coming direct via newspaper and other reports:

I am truly ashamed and astounded that our government police force would act in such a manner – this article clearly illustrates that the RCMP clearly have their own agenda and set of rules wrt to personal property and firearm ownership. This action is truly criminal and truly legitimizes why all firearm owners concerns and resolve to resist anything that provides a “slippery-slope” towards gun confiscation such as this by government authorities. The government via the RCMP has clearly overstepped its boundaries with this violation of property – and if targeted to solely people with firearms – than also criminally by misusing the registration information that the Conservatives clearly stated was to be destroyed.

I look to see how the Federal government will react to this violation of private property of gun owners.

Sincerely

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## **CANADIAN SHOOTING SPORTS ASSOCIATION / CANADIAN INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

**TEAM CSSA SPECIAL REPORT - June 28, 2013**

### **RCMP's high-handedness in High River reveals gun confiscation agenda**

#### **Residents leave firearms in houses during flood evacuation – so what?**

The RCMP in High River, Alberta have breached and sullied their contract with the public to serve and protect.

When private citizens were forced to evacuate the town as flood waters threatened their safety, police and the military forcibly entered the abandoned residences and confiscated firearms. They police admit they seized "a large quantity of firearms," and claimed that public safety was at stake. They did not explain how the firearms posed a threat -- because there wasn't one.

"This act of aggression is further proof that the RCMP have a not-so-hidden agenda to take guns away from responsible gun owners," says Tony Bernardo, executive director of the Canadian Institute for Legislative Action (CILA) and the Canadian Shooting Sports Association (CSSA). "How is leaving your home for a flood any different than leaving to watch the kids play hockey or go on vacation? The police went rogue and operated way beyond their mandate. They spun out of control under the guise of being public safety caretakers. In these situations, the police simply secure the area and refuse admittance to non-residents.

"The RCMP has much to answer for by stealing guns from private citizens," adds Bernardo. "We are advised that the Prime Minister's Office will examine whether the rights of Canadians have been ignored by the police. I am confident that the federal government will deal swiftly with those who have portrayed Canada as a police state in the eyes of the of the world. While the poor souls of High River clean up their homes, the government needs to clean up Canada's law enforcement agency. The government must run the police, not the other way round."

The police have a mandate to safeguard homes from looters and criminals during a natural disaster. The RCMP prohibited the public from entering the flood zone, including residents who wanted to inspect the damage in their residences. With police and military guarding the flood perimeter and patrolling streets, there was no need to break into private homes.

CSSA/CILA wants an investigation into whether houses with firearms were specifically targeted. If the homes were hand-picked, it could be evidence that the RCMP has retained and still uses the data from the federal firearms registry that Parliament ordered scrapped. Firearms owners are seeking assurance that the registry data is not available for clandestine police searches.

"The residents of High River have good cause to be angry and they are making themselves heard," adds Bernardo. "Someone told a reporter it's like living in Nazi Germany, and that there is some shameful truth to that statement. There are many excellent police officers out there who recognize that responsible firearm owners obey the law. Unfortunately, sometimes they are led by police officials who issue commands like this one. If the RCMP are looking for looters, they only need a mirror"

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## **PMO says the RCMP should have better things to do than seize guns**

KELLY CRYDERMAN AND JOSH WINGROVE

THE GLOBE AND MAIL - Last updated Friday, Jun. 28 2013, 11:48 AM EDT

The Prime Minister's Office is stepping into the controversy surrounding the flood response in High River, Alta., saying the RCMP should have better things to do than seize residents' guns.

The town remains under evacuation, and emergency crews have been going from home to home, searching for people and assessing damage.

Earlier this week, it emerged RCMP were also seizing guns that had been left out in the open, saying they were doing it out of safety and that the guns would be returned. Many residents, however, complained that RCMP were seizing their property.

Stephen Harper's office sided with the residents.

"We expect that any firearms taken will be returned to their owners as soon as possible," PMO spokesman Carl Vallée said. "We believe the RCMP should focus on more important tasks such as protecting lives and private property."

On Thursday, RCMP Sergeant Patricia Neely said the guns will all be returned. "Firearms that were unsafely stored in plain sight were seized for safekeeping," she said. By Friday, an RCMP spokesperson said the force was preparing a statement on the gun seizure.

Canadian law requires that guns be unloaded and locked away when stored.

High River, population 13,000, was worst-hit by last week's flooding. Much of the town remains under water, and officials say it's too dangerous for residents to be allowed back in. That has left municipal leaders under fire from residents anxious to assess the damage at their home.

Danielle Smith, leader of Alberta's Official Opposition Wildrose Party and the MLA who represents High River, said on Twitter she doesn't have a problem with RCMP seizing loose guns. "The problem is if residents have trouble getting them back," she said. She added that it's unclear how many guns Mounties seized.

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Also, the laws with regards to gun storage are ridiculous. I  
don't need to be told how to safely store my firearms.

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Executive Correspondence Officer  
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[REDACTED] Province : BC Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : Dear Prime Minister Harper, Please register this email as my voice of protest and outrage over the actions of the RCMP in High River, AB. I believe the rights and freedoms of those residents whose homes were forcibly entered by officers of the RCMP have been violated without just cause by this agency. I do not believe that the actions of the RCMP were necessary, warranted nor tolerable. This was an affront to a free society. Residents who were forced to flee flood waters, lock their homes and belongings and leave town under an evacuation order were done an enormous disservice by the RCMP. Their homes were broken into...yes B&E'd by the police. I don't care if someone had a veritable arsenal of legally owned weapons in their home, it does not give the RCMP nor any other agency the right to enter a private dwelling without permission or a court order. In the end, many of those homes were left unsecured by the police. These actions are totally unacceptable to me. Those who are in authority have a duty, an obligation to uphold the law at all times and most certainly in times of distress not disregard the law because it seemed like a good idea at the time. These are the actions of authorities who act in the so-called interest of the common good without regard for the rights of the individual. These are the actions of a police state...last I checked, I can still vote in this country. Mr. Harper, next time I go on vacation...can I expect that [REDACTED] RCMP will break into my home and remove my 'dangerous' personal belongings and hold them until my return? This notion may sound absurd, but how different is it really? Were the residences forcibly entered by the RCMP targeted? If so, we have a huge problem in this country. With freedom comes inherent danger I for one, accept those risks and wish to have my freedom thank you. Respectfully, [REDACTED]

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Address/Adresse : [REDACTED] Adresse :

[REDACTED] Province : NS Postal Code/Code postal :

[REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone :

Comments/Commentaires : Mr. Harper, I am writing you in regards to a report that the RCMP officers in Alberta, burglarized the homes of good citizens and specifically stole there firearms. I am sure that you will agree that stealing is stealing, when you steal you are a criminal. THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR STEALING! Otherwise there is no law in the land... I also understand that these poor people are now having their land occupied... Are they now trying to steal their land? What these officers did was a violent act. I thought there was no justification for violence? I would like you to be true to your own claim to be tougher on crime and arrest these criminals! Thank you for any time you can give me. I look forward to your response. [REDACTED]

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>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 18 2013 11:47:03 AM >>>

Dear Mr.Harper

[REDACTED] I think it high time that you reeled in the RCMP from making up gun laws,invading  
flooded homes and Harassing female Co-workers.I have lost faith on Government when the RCMP does not trust my  
Neighbors there has to change ???

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Province : AB Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : I am writing this letter in response to my great concern of the actions of the RCMP during the High River flood. The seizure of firearms from peoples homes after breaking in is completely uncalled for. The firearms are someones private property and should have been treated like they were by the Calgary Police. Left alone and real problems adressed. Who ever made the decision to remove this property needs to be dealt with in such a manner that it does not happen again. When I see this type of attitude and action it makes it very difficult for me to place my trust in the RCMP. [REDACTED]

**Durocher, Nathalie**

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**COPIE** Your sincerely,

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer

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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper

80 Wellington Street

Ottawa, Ontario

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Dear Mr. Harper,

As you are no doubt aware of the recent flooding in High River, Alberta and the subsequent gun confiscations by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, I'm compelled to write to you about this egregious behaviour. A dangerous precedence has been set, where a police agency, whose primary role is to investigate crime has overstepped its authority. When were the police given sweeping power to break into homes, search those homes and then confiscate private property? Video footage taken by the RCMP show officers travelling through flooded streets in boats, which didn't appear to have any equipment on board to rescue pets or people, which incidentally is one of their excuses for entering those homes.

There was, at one point in Canadian history where law abiding gun owners would be called upon to assist the police in an emergency. Sadly, we are no longer seen as an asset, but a liability, and our liberty to own and operate firearms is needlessly over regulated. Homes were apparently broken into without search warrants, illegally searched, and firearms owned by law abiding citizens confiscated all in the name of 'public safety', by an agency who should have called upon those gun owners to help them. This is truly a shameful day for Canadians, and I call upon you, sir to call for an investigation of the RCMP in this matter.

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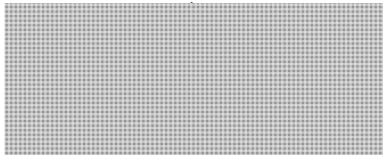
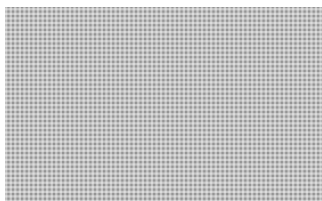
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Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer

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Honorable Mr. Harper;

On today's T.V. news, I watched  
3 or 4 Mounties walk through 2 ft.  
or more of water, climb up the stairs  
to the porch and break into the  
house. They all had on hip rubber  
boots and they walked all over the  
house with wet muddy boots. I  
don't know if they stole anything  
or not, but should they not at least  
had a search warrant. We have laws  
in place to prevent this - it should  
never happen in a free and just  
society. I feel those responsible  
should be charged to the full extent  
of the law and those in command  
should not only be charged but  
fired. Please do something, so that  
this will never happen again, in what  
the rest of the world thinks is

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world's best country. Also  
every house they entered should  
be professionally cleaned at the  
expense of the R.C.M.P. Perhaps  
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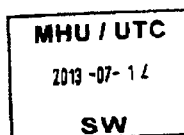
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**Comments/Commentaires :** I am writing to remind this government do the residence's of High River as well as other communities that have been devistated during the floods this past spring. They are feeling that all levels of governments have forgotten about them. Some feel the other countries get better treatment in times of need and I really hope that is not true. These people are not in there homes, have no idea of when or if they ever will. They do not know where the process is, what is there next step. They feel forgotten. I can not imagine that feeling, can you? Please remember them and please provide information to help them. Kick some butts at all levels at governmen t and get this moving. Help these proud people. Thanks

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Comments/Commentaires : Dear Sir, As a taxpayer and lifelong Canadian, I am appalled at the state of emergency in Alberta. My first question is: Why is Canada the only country in the G8 that does not have Flood Insurance? Are the Insurance companies that much more powerful than the government? Why did the government send in the troops for awhile and then withdraw them before the disaster in High River was over? What is the government planning to do for the citizens of High River whose houses are going to be condemned and still have to pay a mortgage for a pile of rubble? I would appreciate an immediate answer to these questions. yours truly, [REDACTED]

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Minister of Public Safety



Ministre de la Sécurité publique

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0P8

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The Office of the Prime Minister has forwarded to me your correspondence of July 2, 2013, concerning the recent flooding in Alberta.

Our Government works closely with provinces and territories to assist Canadians when large natural disasters strike. Public Safety Canada administers the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) on behalf of the Government of Canada, which are intended to assist provinces and territories with response and recovery costs that exceed what they might reasonably be expected to bear on their own.

To support the Province of Alberta, the Government Operations Centre (GOC) coordinated nationally with federal departments and agencies to ensure an integrated response. The GOC response included, but was not limited to, the facilitation of a request for Canadian Armed Forces assistance, deployment of additional RCMP members to the area, the deployment of equipment from the National Emergency Stockpile System, the coordination of border crossings for personnel and equipment from the United States, access to flood zones for response teams, as well as coordination efforts to ensure that telecommunications systems remained operational.

Emergency management in Canada is a shared responsibility between all levels of governments with the majority of emergencies being handled locally. Within Canada's constitutional framework, provincial and territorial governments and local authorities provide the first response to the vast majority of emergencies after which the Government of Canada will assist at the request of the provincial and territorial governments.

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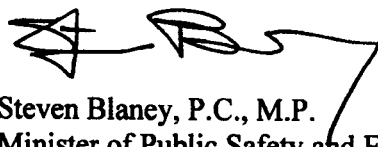
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The Government of Canada recognizes that in the last decade, there has been an escalation in the frequency and the severity of disasters in Canada. With that in mind, I would like to note that in Budget 2012, the Prime Minister committed to exploring the development of a national disaster mitigation program, recognizing that mitigation can lessen the impact of natural disasters on vulnerable communities and reduce the costs associated with these events. The establishment of this program would be an important shift towards a proactive disaster risk reduction approach. We have also initiated discussions with the Insurance Bureau of Canada to examine the underlying conditions preventing the insurance industry from providing insurance coverage for overland flooding.

Please rest assured that the Government of Canada will continue to do everything it can to assist Albertans deal with this tragedy.

I appreciate the opportunity to clarify the role of the Government of Canada and the DFAA in supporting provinces and territories following natural disasters.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Blaney', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.  
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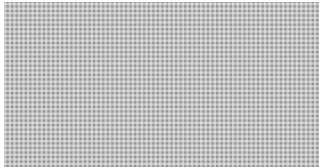
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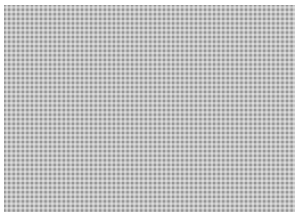
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The Calgary Sun FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2013

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# RCMP wrong to seize guns

## Someone has to be accountable for breaking highest law in the land

The Mounties did a very bad thing last week and now rather than own up to it, they are trying to shoot the messenger.

As the RCMP went from home to home in the town of High River, Alta., ostensibly to search for people in distress, they also seized hundreds of firearms. The Mounties claim they only seized rifles and shotguns that were in plain view or unsafely stored and that they were just holding them for safe keeping.

Garbage.

What the RCMP did was violate the basic civil rights of the people of High River, and whether you are a gun owner or not, that should concern you. The Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees that "everyone has the right to be secure against unreasonable search or seizure."

By seizing guns from locked homes without a warrant, the RCMP, regardless of their stated intent, were engaging in "unreasonable search and seizure."

Defenders of the RCMP



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have claimed that the Horsemen were simply acting under the law, that the Alberta Emergency Management Act was in force and therefore the police actions were valid.

Once again: Garbage.

The Emergency Management Act clearly states that it supersedes all provincial legislation except the Alberta Bill of Rights and the Alberta Human Rights Act.

Right at the beginning of the Alberta Bill of Rights it states that everyone has "the right of the individual to liberty, security of the person and enjoyment of property, and the right not to be deprived thereof

except by due process of law."

Seizing someone's firearm from their home and then promising to give it back if they can prove it is theirs is not "due process of law."

"A man's house is his castle" is the old saying and dating hundreds of years, neither the king nor his agents, like the police, have been allowed to enter without a warrant.

The police say they were looking for people in distress. Fine, but why seize private property while doing it?

Well, here the police say the guns were in the open and therefore unsafely stored.

I don't believe them.

Cam Fleury told Sun News on Thursday that his home, situated in the highest part of High River, suffered no flooding damage at all but the RCMP had still busted down the door and then opened the locked closet where his gun safe was.

They didn't meddle with his safe but it was obvious to him they went looking for it.

"There was really no reason for them to enter any of these

houses," Fleury said of his high and dry neighbourhood.

Despite several stories from residents that guns were taken from hiding places in their homes, behind dressers, under blankets inside closets, the Mounties claim they only took firearms laying out in plain view.

I'd like details on exactly what the RCMP mean by "plain view," but they have decided not to speak to Sun News Network any longer because they claim our coverage of the issue is problematic.

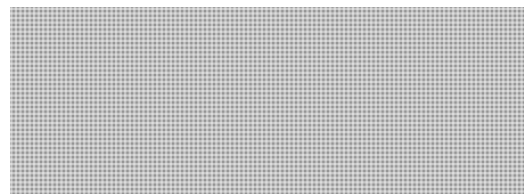
Translation: We won't believe their BS without some proof.

This is not a trivial matter of interest only to gun owners.

Each of us have certain rights guaranteed by the Charter that governments are supposed to uphold.

In High River, the RCMP violated those rights, the highest law in the land, and they think they can get away with it by refusing to answer questions.

They're wrong. Someone must be held to account.



JULY 5TH, 2013

PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER:

I HAVE LONG ADMIRERD THE R.C.M. POLICE. BUT IN THIS CASE I MUST SPEAK OUT.

MANY HOMES IN THE TOWN OF HIGH RIVER RECEIVED SEVERE FLOOD DAMAGE. THE SURROUNDING AREA, CITIES AND TOWNS ALSO RECEIVED SERIOUS FLOOD DAMAGE.

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WHY DID THE R.C.M. POLICE BREAK INTO THE FLOODED HOUSES IN HIGH RIVER TO SEIZE FIREARMS AND USE THE EMERGENCY CONDITIONS AS AN EXCUSE OR A COVER.

THERE ARE FIRST NATION RESERVES IN THE AREA OF HIGH RIVER AND THEIR HOUSES RECEIVED SERIOUS FLOOD DAMAGE. THE R.C.M. POLICE DID NOT BREAK INTO THEIR HOUSES AND SEIZE FIREARMS.

THE TOWNS OF BRAGG CREEK, BLACK DIAMOND AND TURNER VALLEY (CLOSE TO HIGH RIVER) ALL RECEIVED SEVERE FLOOD DAMAGE TO HOUSES. THE R.C.M. POLICE DID NOT BREAK INTO THEIR HOUSES TO SEIZE FIREARMS.

MANY TOWNS AND CITIES IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA RECEIVED EXTENSIVE FLOOD DAMAGE TO HOUSES. NO POLICE OFFICER ENTERED HOUSES TO SEIZE FIREARMS - EXCEPT THE R.C.M.P. IN THE TOWN OF HIGH RIVER.

IN MY OPINION - WHAT REALLY HAPPENED:  
IN THIS CASE SOME OVER ZEALOUS R.C.M.P. OFFICER MADE A DECISION TO SEND HIS OFFICERS INTO FLOOD DAMAGED HOMES TO SEIZE FIREARMS - AND COVERED HIS BUTT UNDER THE EXISTING EMERGENCY CONDITIONS.

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THE WORST PART OF THIS SITUATION IS.  
WHEN CONFRONTED WITH INFORMATION  
REGARDING THE SEIZED FIREARMS -  
IN MY OPINION - THE R.C.M.P. LIED ABOUT  
THEIR INTENTIONS.

WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN NOW ?

1. R.C.M. POLICE SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR  
THEIR ACTIONS.

2. ALL FIREARMS SHOULD BE RETURNED  
TO THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE IN WHICH  
THEY WERE SEIZED - "AND -  
"NO QUESTIONS ASKED"

(PRESENTLY THE R.C.M.P. INSIST ON  
PROOF OF OWNERSHIP BEFORE RETURN OF GUN)

3. NOBODY ALWAYS MAKES THE CORRECT DECISION.  
BUT, IN THIS CASE, THE OFFICER WHO INSTIGATED  
THE SEARCH SHOULD BE QUESTIONED REGARDING  
HIS JUDGMENT.

PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN ~~HARPER~~  
PARLIAMENT HILL  
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**Granato, Chiara**

**From:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la  
correspondance ministérielle  
**Sent:** August 1, 2013 12:00 PM  
**To:** Granato, Chiara  
**Subject:** FW: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

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Nathalie

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**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre [mailto:PM@pm.gc.ca]

**Sent:** July-31-13 3:49 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle

**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your e-mail to the Prime Minister.

Please be assured that your comments have been noted. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your e-mail to the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, for his information.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 15 2013 4:15:07 PM >>>

Date: 2013/7/15 4:12:36 PM

Name/Nom : [REDACTED]

E-Mail/Adresse électronique : [REDACTED] Address/Adresse : [REDACTED] City/Adresse : [REDACTED] Province : AB

Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : Sir: Your visit to High River after the floods was a nice symbolic gesture. However after spending days of slugging 18 inches of mud out of homes, basements and garages, It is obvious to me that your office could be of REAL help by sending men, women and equipment from the Canadian Armed Forces to get to work and help those folks in the task of physical recovery. Your visit is long forgotten by the many people in that town who are sagging under the physical and emotional load of the back breaking work they must do each day. They need Canada's help and the best help they could get right now is from our Forces. The Armed Forces personnel can lend their backs and their brains to help get the town out from under the mud, the sludge and the debris left behind by this disaster. Please act immediately (if not sooner) to dispatch soldiers to this town. Thank you. [REDACTED]

**Granato, Chiara**

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**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle

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de la haute direction

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 29 2013 1:54:46 PM >>>

Date: 2013/7/29 1:52:01 PM

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BC Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : I am writing to remind this government do the residence's of High River as well as other communities that have been devistated during the floods this past spring. They are feeling that all levels of governments have forgotten about them. Some feel the other countries get better treatment in times of need and I really hope that is not true. These people are not in there homes, have no idea of when or if they ever will. They do not know where the process is, what is there next step. They feel forgotten. I can not imagine that feeling, can you? Please remember them and please provide information to help them. Kick some butts at all levels at governmen t and get this moving. Help these proud people. Thanks

**Durocher, Nathalie**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** August-06-13 11:59 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister. In your e-mail, you raised an issue that falls within the portfolio of the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully noted. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your e-mail to Minister Blaney, who, I am certain, will wish to give your views every consideration.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

M.F. Bustos  
Manager/Gestionnaire  
Executive Correspondence Services  
for the Prime Minister's Office  
Services de la correspondance  
de la haute direction  
pour le Cabinet du Premier ministre

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 05 Aug 2013 10:16:06 PM >>>

>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - stolen guns hy river >>>>

Date: 2013/8/5 10:15:30 PM

Name/Nom [REDACTED]

E-Mail/Adresse électronique [REDACTED]

Address/Adresse : [REDACTED]

City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : AB Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : before this becomes a mess like the air port mess in bc and we have to have an expensive inquiry shouldn,t you and the staff responsible for the rcmp be saying come clean and get us some honest answers NOW.

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AGENCY <i>RCMP</i>	
B.F. <i>Aug 21/13</i>	
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**Durocher, Nathalie**

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**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Correspondence on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
**Attachments:** 13-011119 incoming.pdf; 13-011119 outgoing email.htm

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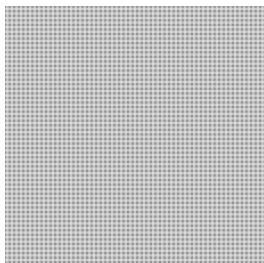
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Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of July 1, 2013, concerning the RCMP in High River, Alberta.

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Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

L. Bisson  
Manager  
Ministerial Correspondence Unit

c.c.: The Honourable Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 2013-Jul-01 11:24 PM  
**To:** Ministerial Correspondence Unit  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RCMP in High River

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Honourable Minister of Justice

I am very concerned about my rights and the rights of my family and friends. After hearing the news that the RCMP (who's duty it is to protect our rights) have forced entry into homes that were evacuated by law abiding, tax paying citizens of High River, Alberta, and then taken (stolen) these people private property (firearms) and invaded the privacy of their homes, I am wondering if I have any rights at all. Please tell me why this was allowed to happen, if anything will be done to punish these men who have abused their powers, and where does it stop! I feel strongly that this type of behaviour, by those we have hired to protect our rights of freedom, is despicable and should be punishable by law. Is this a police state? My grandfather fought in both world wars to stop people with this type of attitude from invading.

Sincerely

[REDACTED]

**Durpcher, Nathalie**

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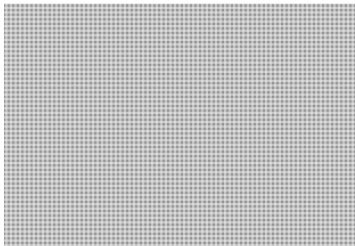
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**Subject:** Correspondence on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of July 6, 2013, addressed to his predecessor, concerning the RCMP in High River, Alberta.

The RCMP falls under the purview of the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. Accordingly, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to Minister Blaney for his information and consideration.

The oversight of policing services in Alberta is the responsibility of the Honourable Jonathan Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta. Therefore, if you have not already done so, you may wish to share your concerns with Minister Denis. His contact information is available at <http://justice.alberta.ca/contact/Pages/default.aspx?WT.svl=header>.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

L. Bisson  
Manager  
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c.c.: The Honourable Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

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**Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

**From:** Nicholson, Robert Douglas - M.P. [rob.nicholson@parl.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** 2013-Jul-08 9:39 AM  
**To:** Ministerial Correspondence Unit  
**Subject:** FW: Contact Form - www.robnicholsonmp.ca

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**From:** webmaster@robnicholsonmp.ca [mailto:webmaster@robnicholsonmp.ca]  
**Sent:** July 6, 2013 12:40 PM  
**To:** Nicholson, Robert Douglas - M.P.  
**Subject:** Contact Form - www.robnicholsonmp.ca

emailTo: rob.nicholson@parl.gc.ca

\*NAME [REDACTED]

\*EMAIL\_ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

POSTAL\_CODE: [REDACTED]

PHONE: [REDACTED]

\*MESSAGE: Dear Mr. Nicholson, I presume you will be ready to lay charges on those RCMP members and staff that perpetrated the illegal break and enters in the town of High River, Alberta during the flood 2 weeks ago. I look forward to your announcement in the very near future. I believe the local and provincial prosecutors have had ample time to bring charges which have not been forthcoming. Sincerely, [REDACTED]  
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**Durocher, Nathalie**

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Correspondence on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of June 28, 2013, addressed to his predecessor, concerning the RCMP in High River, Alberta.

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**Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

**From:** Nicholson, Robert Douglas - M.P. [rob.nicholson@parl.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** 2013-Jun-28 9:20 AM  
**To:** Ministerial Correspondence Unit  
**Subject:** FW: RCMP

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** June 28, 2013 9:15 AM  
**To:** Nicholson, Robert Douglas - M.P.  
**Subject:** RCMP

I just read the National Post story on the RCMP entering homes in a flooded area of High River, Alberta - some with forced entry - to collect guns within the homes. How does the RCMP know what is in what house? I am a supporter of the national police - but they continue to be "out of control". I cannot think of any pretext other than a search warrant for illegal activity that would allow RCMP or any police force to enter a persons home.  
Is there more to this story? I find this VERY troubling.

**Durocher, Nathalie**

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**Sent:** August-07-13 3:49 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
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Canada

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of July 3, 2013, addressed to his predecessor, concerning the RCMP in High River, Alberta.

The RCMP falls under the purview of the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. Accordingly, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to Minister Blaney for his information and consideration.

As you may be aware, the oversight of policing services in Alberta is the responsibility of the Honourable Jonathan Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta. I note that you have already addressed your correspondence to Minister Denis's office.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

L. Bisson  
Manager  
Ministerial Correspondence Unit

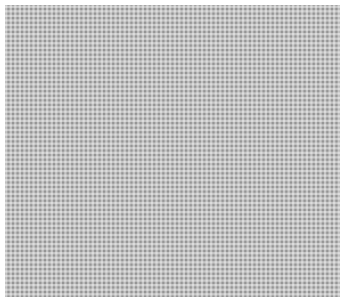
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**From:** Nicholson, Robert Douglas - M.P. [rob.nicholson@parl.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** 2013-Jul-03 1:17 PM  
**To:** Ministerial Correspondence Unit  
**Subject:** FW: RCMP during High River Flood

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** July 3, 2013 12:41 PM  
**To:** ron.campbell@rcmp-grc.gc.ca; Nicholson, Robert Douglas - M.P.;  
ministryofjustice@gov.ab.ca  
**Subject:** RCMP during High River Flood

I am once again shown the "We are above the law" attitude of the RCMP when you see how they handled the floods in High River. Questions need to be asked as to why it is the RCMP felt the need to violate laws by breaking into homes and looting them? The RCMP claim that they had the authority under those situations to do that, and yes they did, but the question should be did they need to? When I look at the communities that were affected by this flood I see that the Calgary Police Service while having the same authority to break into homes did not do that. I see that while the Calgary Police Service had the same authority to "secure" weapons they did not. The city of Calgary evacuated exponentially more people and homes and businesses than the RCMP in High River yet they did not seize any weapons. I guess that means there are no gun owners in Calgary that were affected by the flood right?

I am absolutely disgusted that the RCMP would use opportunities such as the fires in Slave Lake and the floods in High River to "secure" weapons. I think Joe Anglin, MLA said it best when he said "The role of the RCMP is to protect life, property, and to keep order. In this regard the RCMP failed miserably. In High River RCMP constables went door to door in the community breaking into homes with the aid of a locksmith, and in some cases they kicked in the doors. Why these constables couldn't wait for a locksmith has not been explained, and there is no final accounting of how many doors they kicked in as of this writing."

Will we see charges laid against officers that took the opportunity to seize weapons after kicking in doors with no reasonable justification? Not likely. Will we see the RCMP held accountable for their actions and the demonstrated aggression of laying spike belts when there is no threat of high speed chase? Not likely. Will anything come of this? Yes. The public trust of the RCMP is once again eroded further. I feel privileged and safe living inside the boundaries of the City of Calgary because I know the CPS is a professional, and accountable police force. I have the luxury of trusting the CPS, and I feel safer knowing that the RCMP have no jurisdiction in Calgary. I feel sorry for the any communities that have to rely on the RCMP for protection or policing. I am constantly seeing the RCMP abuse their authority, treat the public like garbage, and violate their own RCMP act. When will the RCMP finally wake up and realize that they need to start to answer for their abuse of public trust? when will we see RCMP held up to the standards laid out in the RCMP act as well as the criminal code? When will the RCMP realize that they are here to serve the public and not abuse their authority over them? When will the individual officers get some pride in their uniform and start to get this under control? When will those officers that want to do a good job stop allowing their co-workers to disrespect them and their uniform? The RCMP need to start showing some pride in what they could be and stop abusing the public.

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• And if they are to continue to provide policing services in Alberta perhaps they better start treating the people of Alberta with the respect we all deserve. I am in full support of Joe Anglin when asking for a public inquiry into their actions during this time of crisis for the people of High River.

Sincerely,



**Durocher, Nathalie**

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Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of June 29, 2013, addressed to his predecessor, concerning the RCMP in High River, Alberta.

The RCMP falls under the purview of the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. Accordingly, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to Minister Blaney for his information and consideration.

The oversight of policing services in Alberta is the responsibility of the Honourable Jonathan Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta. Therefore, if you have not already done so, you may wish to share your concerns with Minister Denis. His contact information is available at <http://justice.alberta.ca/contact/Pages/default.aspx?WT.svl=header>.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

L. Bisson  
Manager  
Ministerial Correspondence Unit

c.c.: The Honourable Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

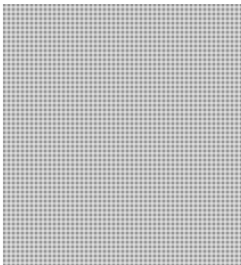
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**From:** Nicholson, Robert Douglas - M.P. [rob.nicholson@parl.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** 2013-Jul-02 9:36 AM  
**To:** Ministerial Correspondence Unit  
**Subject:** FW: RCMP

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** June 29, 2013 11:47 PM  
**To:** Nicholson, Robert Douglas - M.P.  
**Subject:** RCMP

Dear Sir, I am writing this letter because of the actions of the RCMP in High River. With the devastation these people are enduring we don't need the arrogant actions of RCMP police members stealing peoples private possessions which are firearms. The conservative government did get rid of the firearms registry but have failed to give citizens their right to own those firearms. I realize the Liberals and NDP are more left but [REDACTED] and are not suppose to be. With a majority government I think all these basic rights should not be a problem to fix. For a while I felt the country was going to be free once again. You know before the Trudeau years.

A true communist he was.

I am fed up with the rules going in the favor of the police. A police state is not the answer. [REDACTED] and I have seen this country go down hill since the Trudeau era. French shoved down our throats and rights and freedoms. That day we lost it all. Think about it. It is true. Please don't laugh this off. Look at what has gone on. Remind your members we didn't elect Liberals and NDP so don't follow. I say this from my heart as a true Canadian.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** August-12-13 11:29 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister. In your e-mail, you raised an issue that falls within the portfolio of the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully noted. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your e-mail to Minister Blaney, who, I am certain, will wish to give your views every consideration.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

M.F. Bustos  
Manager/Gestionnaire  
Executive Correspondence Services  
for the Prime Minister's Office  
Services de la correspondance  
de la haute direction  
pour le Cabinet du Premier ministre

>>> From: [REDACTED] Received : 11 Aug 2013 02:38:43 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Re RCMP lies >>>>

Dear Prime Minister Harper,

What is going to be done about the High River illegal gun grab by the RCMP.

I thought Canada was a democracy?  
Not if you own guns!

It is outrageous, that the police can enter a private home and steal a citizens property when a crime hasn't been committed.

[REDACTED]

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**Durocher, Nathalie**

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**From:** webmail@ps-sp.gc.ca  
**Sent:** August-11-13 2:45 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la  
correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** WEBMAIL: RCMP

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**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** July-31-13 3:49 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your e-mail to the Prime Minister.

Please be assured that your comments have been noted. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your e-mail to the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, for his information.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 29 2013 1:30:56 PM >>>

Dear Prime Minister Harper,

what kind of a country do we live in where the police can seize private property when a crime has not been committed?

What happened in High River should not be allowed to happen in Canada.

The RCMP in this country have way too much power when it comes to seizing Firearms owned by law abiding citizens.

Also, the laws with regards to gun storage are ridiculous.

[REDACTED]

**Durocher, Nathalie**

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**From:** webmail@ps-sp.gc.ca  
**Sent:** July-29-13 1:38 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** WEBMAIL: RCMP

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The RCMP in this country have way too much power when it comes to seizing Firearms owned by law abiding citizens.

Also, the laws with regards to gun storage are ridiculous. I don't need to be told how to safely store my firearms.



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**From:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Sent:** August-15-13 3:47 PM  
**To:** Arsenault, Roger  
**Subject:** FW: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Please add in the High River campaign docket.

Nathalie

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** August-15-13 2:53 PM  
**To:** 'Prime Minister/Premier Ministre'  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** RE: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Thank you for the response and I fully understand that Mr. Harper is a busy man and cannot reply to every email he receives so I appreciate you forwarding it on to the appropriate parties. Please let the Minister know that I am not only interested in the matter but also concerned about it. Please feel free to use my email to help the people involved "Learn what people are thinking" but also please know that I expect a response with some answers on the incidents that happened in High River. My original email was not sent to inform my elected official of my thoughts but rather looking for answers to questions that are of great concern to me as they should be to you.

Like I stated previously I realize Mr. Harper is extremely busy with his duties as the leader of this great country but he is also the MP of Calgary Southwest my home riding so I do expect an answer from someone handling his duties as my elected official.



-----Original Message-----

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre [mailto:PM@pm.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2013 12:11 PM

To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.  
Subject: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

Prime Minister Harper has delegated responsibility to his ministers for the various areas of jurisdiction of his government. Accordingly, I have referred your message to the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, within whose responsibilities the RCMP falls. I am certain that the minister will appreciate being made aware of your continuing interest in this matter. The referral will allow the officials closely connected with the issue a chance to learn what people are thinking, and, if appropriate, to provide a meaningful reply.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write to the Prime Minister.

M. Bredeson  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
for the Prime Minister's Office  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction pour le Cabinet du Premier ministre

>>> From: [REDACTED] Received: 13 Aug 2013 10:22:52 AM >>>

>>> Subject: RE: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre >>>>

When can I expect a response to my concerns below? My original email was sent July 9th. I find it inexcusable that my elected official thinks its ok to let a concern from one of his constituents drag on for over a month.



-----Original Message-----

From: Prime Minister/Premier Ministre [mailto:PM@pm.gc.ca]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 6:51 AM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Steven Blaney  
Subject: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your e-mail to the Prime Minister.

Please be assured that your comments have been noted. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your e-mail to the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, for his information.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : Jul 16 2013 11:30:44 AM >>>

I have yet to receive a reply on my email below. Should I be contacting someone other than my MP on this matter?

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 12:46 PM  
To: 'stephen.harper@parl.gc.ca'  
Subject: Actions taken in the recent High River Flooding

Good afternoon Mr. Harper (or whomever will be responding to this email). I am sure with the recent tragedies in Alberta and Quebec you are a very busy man but I would like to voice a couple concerns I have and would like to know what steps will be taken to ensure that it doesn't happen again and the correct people are held accountable for it.

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**My first concern stems from the allegations that the RCMP forcefully entered into people homes in the town of High River and removed there firearms. At this time I realize that information is hearsay and rumor at best but with the authorities admitting that it did occur it is very concerning to me why this would happen. Why were only firearms seized? There are a lot of things in a home that can be more dangerous than an unloaded firearm and lots of things that could be more valuable so why were the firearms targeted?**

**My second concern has to do with the forceful entry into these homes. I realize the town was in a state of emergency but please correct me if I'm wrong but a state of emergency does not supersede our Charter of Rights and Freedoms which clearly states that ' Everyone has the right to be secure against unreasonable search or seizure'.**

**It seems to me both of these situations violated a lot of people rights and need to be addressed ASAP. As my Member of Parliament I expect that you will take the time to address these concerns for me so that me and my family can know what to expect from our elected officials as well as the RCMP if there is ever a state of emergency declared in our neighborhood.**

**Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response**

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**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre  
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**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre  
**Date:** August-23-13 10:55:32 AM

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Dear [REDACTED]

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your e-mail to the Prime Minister. I regret the delay in replying.

Please be assured that your comments have been noted. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your e-mail to the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, for his information.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

P. Monteith  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
for the Prime Minister's Office  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction  
pour le Cabinet du Premier ministre

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 08 Aug 2013 04:00:54 PM >>>

>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - High River, AB. >>>>

Date: 2013/8/8 4:00:14 PM

Name/Nom : [REDACTED]

E-Mail/Adresse électronique : [REDACTED]

Address/Adresse : [REDACTED]

City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : AB

Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I have been thru many floods, but this one is rightfully called a disaster. I have no one else to talk too, so I am asking for your help. The government of AB. is arguing with the town of high river and they are arguing with the people. Many things were done wrong at the begining and have set a very negative tone in our town. I also know that this is a Whiterose riding and that is a spur in the government`s side. You know the history to that so I won`t repeat it. At the Ag. grounds in High River, which is the area where the re-entry was staged. As well as the Red Cross and The Mission Possible People are located. These people have a 53` refridgerated van on site where they keep food, water and perishibles in. This is for the hundreds of displaced people, familes and volunteers. Their is always a long line. On Tuesday August 6, the mission possible people sent out a distress call that they were almost out of food. Actor and singer Tom Jackson made arrangements with the Calgary Food bank to bring out a van full and help unload it at High River. Now if we lived in a different country this may not be shocking. But here in Alberta it is outragious. We have lost so much, I know you have flown over and seen the devisation for yourself. Please, please can you send someone out here to get all these people sorted out. If they would just do their designated jobs it would work fine. We are at our wits end. This can`t be about politics it has to be about people. Thank you, I am hoping one of your assistants will read this and pass it on. Thanks again.

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Signature Minister
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Minister of Public Safety



Ministre de la Sécurité publique

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The Office of the Prime Minister has forwarded to me your correspondence of August 8, 2013, concerning the recent flooding in Alberta. I appreciate you writing at a time when you are facing such challenging circumstances.

Our Government works closely with provinces and territories to assist Canadians when large natural disasters strike. Public Safety Canada administers the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements (DFAA) on behalf of the Government of Canada, which are intended to assist provinces and territories with response and recovery costs that exceed what they might reasonably be expected to bear on their own.

To support the Province of Alberta, the Government Operations Centre (GOC) coordinated nationally with federal departments and agencies to ensure an integrated response. The GOC response included, but was not limited to, the facilitation of a request for Canadian Armed Forces assistance, deployment of additional RCMP members to the area, the deployment of equipment from the National Emergency Stockpile System, the coordination of border crossings for personnel and equipment from the United States, access to flood zones for response teams, as well as coordination efforts to ensure that telecommunications systems remained operational.

Emergency management in Canada is a shared responsibility between all levels of governments with the majority of emergencies being handled locally. Within Canada's constitutional framework, provincial and territorial governments and local authorities provide the first response to the vast majority of emergencies after which the Government of Canada will assist at the request of the provincial and territorial governments.

Following a natural disaster, it is the province or territory that is responsible for the design and delivery of financial assistance to those who are affected. The Government of Canada will share eligible expenses per the DFAA with the province or territory, and is currently working closely with the Province of Alberta to ensure that financial assistance for the recent flooding is rendered as expeditiously as possible.

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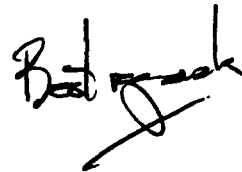
If you require more information about your family members' circumstance, I would encourage you to contact your provincial emergency management office. You may find a link to that organization at: [www.aema.alberta.ca](http://www.aema.alberta.ca).

Please rest assured that the Government of Canada will continue to do everything it can to assist Albertans deal with this tragedy.

I appreciate the opportunity to clarify the role of the Government of Canada and the DFAA in supporting provinces and territories following natural disasters, and I wish you well as you recover from this difficult time.



Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness





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**From:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**To:** Arsenault, Roger  
**Subject:** FW: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre  
**Date:** August-28-13 3:30:20 PM

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Please log separately and send to RCMP for reply.

Nathalie

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre [mailto:PM@pm.gc.ca]

**Sent:** August-26-13 2:54 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle

**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

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Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

M. Bredeson  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
for the Prime Minister's Office  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction pour le Cabinet du Premier ministre

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 22 Aug 2013 09:44:23 PM >>>

>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - RCMP Door Ramming in High River >>>>

Date: 2013/8/22 9:43:23 PM

Name/Nom : [REDACTED]

E-Mail/Adresse électronique : [REDACTED] Address/Adresse : [REDACTED] City/Adresse :

[REDACTED] Province : AB Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] Telephone/Téléphone :

DOC # BLA000736
Agency A-RCMP
B.F. 27/09/2013
Signature Minister
File # MINBLA 7200-K UNC

Comments/Commentaires : Dear Prime Minister Harper, You are aware of the damage that the RCMP did to the doors in High River. [REDACTED] These folks in High River need to be re-imbursed asap, so they can use the funds to repair flood / sewer backup damage. The file # that the RCMP gave [REDACTED] The invoice for the replacement door in the amount of [REDACTED] was submitted August 21/13. The door replacement was for a similar door that was damaged, no upgrades. I ask that you ensure the RCMP pay these claims asap, as the folks in High River are using their own money for these repairs while having to deal with the Alberta PC government for funding to make repairs. The breakage of doors was so foolish - and yes, I have heard all the excuses, but really, the flooding situation was and still is so badly handled by the government officials. These people evacuated when asked and registered with the Red Cross, as requested, and this stupidity prevailed. Please, at least give us the comfort of at least knowing that the Federal PC party will do the right thing for these folks and that the damage will be compensated for sooner than later and that months will not go by before cheques are issued for this unnecessary damage. I will no longer vote PC in any provincial election, please let me continue to think highly of the Federal PC's.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [highriverflood@gmail.com](mailto:highriverflood@gmail.com)  
**Cc:** [Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle;communications@highriver.ca](mailto:Public%20Safety%20-%20Ministerial%20Correspondence%20Unit%20-%20S%C3%A9curit%C3%A9%20publique%20-%20Unit%C3%A9%20de%20la%20correspondance%20minist%C3%A9rielle;communications@highriver.ca)  
**Subject:** RCMP Door Ramming in High Riv  
**Date:** October-06-13 7:25:29 PM

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Below is an expert from an email I sent to the Prime Minister's office Aug 22/13. Now I have read that the Town of High River will be cutting the cheques and that the province will then deal with the federal government on sharing the cost. [REDACTED] file still has not been paid and it was submitted to the RCMP office around Aug 20th. People are having to use their own funds to remediate their homes from flooding and sewer backup with no help from the government - I find it very distasteful that our police force who are here to protect and serve were given an order to destroy homes and that there is such a lag time in compensation. PLEASE - SOMEONE LET US KNOW WHEN THIS WILL BE PAID.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Prime Minister/Premier Ministre [<mailto:PM@pm.gc.ca>]  
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2013 12:53 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Cc: Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.  
Subject: Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

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>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - RCMP Door Ramming in High River

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Date: 2013/8/22 9:43:23 PM

Name/Nom : [REDACTED]

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**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Tamming, Jason  
**Sent:** August-29-13 10:14 AM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FW: Letter from constituent - [REDACTED] - July 5, 2013  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED] July 5, 2013.pdf  
**Importance:** High

Please respond to attached, addressing reply to:



Doc. No.	000757
Agency	RAMP
B.F.	16-9-2013
Action	REP
File No.	9400-4
C.C.:	

Please cc:

**Office of The Hon. Gerry Ritz, PC, MP**  
**Battlefords-Lloydminster**  
**Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food**  
**1322-100th Street,**  
**North Battleford, SK. S9A 0V8**

*July 5, 2013*

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Dear Prime Minister Harper,

I am writing to you about what has gone on in High River since the disastrous flooding in June. I cannot express to you how angry I am over the actions of the RCMP in seizing firearms from evacuated homes.

The RCMP were in High River to protect those homes and property, not to carry out unreasonable search and seizure operations; shown to be unreasonable by their own lies about the reason behind these actions. Did you hear about the hundreds of residents missing after the flood that the RCMP said they were looking for in locked homes? No? That's because there weren't any. Then the story began to change to pets and shutting off gas, all fictions. They have abused their power and betrayed the trust of the citizens.

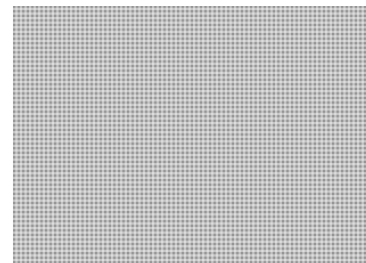
The laws that give the police the discretion to disregard the rights of citizens must be reviewed and changed to stop this abuse. Particularly those laws dealing with legal firearms ownership and the storage rules during a disaster of this sort where flooding threatens the destruction of property. When gun control legislation was first enacted opponents said this very thing would happen. To show us how far we have gone down the road to a police state, folks in High River are now afraid to speak out against the RCMP. Afraid of the police. Is this the kind of country we want to live in?

I am relying on you, Mr. Prime Minister, and your government to put a stop to this. I have written before about the dangers of warrantless search and seizure and am asking you to take action. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Cc Gerry Ritz, MP Battlefords-Lloydminster



Minister of Public Safety



Ministre de la Sécurité publique

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0P8

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The Office of the Prime Minister has forwarded to me your correspondence of July 5, 2013, regarding firearms seizures during the flooding in High River, Alberta. I apologize for the delay in responding.

As is always the case in situations such as the disaster in High River, the top priority for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) was to ensure public safety.

I have been informed by the RCMP that in the course of searching for residents in distress, insecurely stored firearms were removed for safe keeping. The firearms were stored at the High River RCMP Detachment, and the vast majority have been returned to their owners. I would note that many residents asked the RCMP to store their firearms while they dealt with the personal and community impacts of the terrible flooding which occurred in the summer of 2013.

You may also wish to know that, in response to public comments about the RCMP's actions in High River, RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson has asked the Interim Chair of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP (CPC) to consider a Chair-initiated complaint into the actions taken by the RCMP during the disaster.

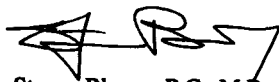
On July 5, 2013, the CPC announced that it had initiated a public interest investigation into RCMP actions in High River to assess whether the members' actions complied with all appropriate policies, procedures, guidelines and statutory requirements. The CPC is a fully independent civilian agency that was created by Parliament to ensure that complaints involving members of the RCMP are examined thoroughly and impartially.

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The RCMP has pledged to cooperate fully with the CPC inquiry.

Thank you for taking the time to write.



Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness



c.c.: The Honourable Gerry Ritz, P.C., M.P.  
Battlefords-Lloydminster

**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** September-06-13 10:50 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From: [REDACTED] Received: 05 Sep 2013 06:51:09 PM >>>

>>> Subject: The RCMP at it again >>>>

What is it with the RCMP and the current government's unwillingness to control said organization.

- They target gun owners and break into their homes to steal guns in High River.
- They do backdoor maneuvers to try to establish their own Long gun registry through CFO's.
- And now they're arbitrarily banning long guns that have been sold as non restricted for years by classifying recent shipments of CZ-858's as prohibited weapons.

Why are these clowns not being sent a message by this government about who actually runs this country?

If I wanted this kind of government I would have voted Liberal.



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**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Tamming, Jason  
**Sent:** September-06-13 5:00 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FW: re: Constituent inquiry - June 30

**Please reply to :**

[REDACTED]

What the RCMP are doing in High River is outrageous. Its their job to make sure everybody is out safely and the nobody is looting, not themselves breaking into peoples homes and taking their belongings. This kind of assault on legal firearm owners needs to stop. The RCMP needs to concentrate their resources on going after criminals and stop hassling the regular citizen.

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I have been [REDACTED] But I really need to see more results in this area.

**CC Reply to :**

MP Gerry Ritz  
e-mail: [ritzg@sasktel.net](mailto:ritzg@sasktel.net)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 30, 2013 11:11 PM  
**To:** [stephen.harper@parl.gc.ca](mailto:stephen.harper@parl.gc.ca); Gerry Ritz; [garry.breitkreuz.a1@parl.gc.ca](mailto:garry.breitkreuz.a1@parl.gc.ca); [cheryl.gallant@parl.gc.ca](mailto:cheryl.gallant@parl.gc.ca); [vic.toews@parl.gc.ca](mailto:vic.toews@parl.gc.ca)  
**Subject:** High River

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**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** September-09-13 1:42 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

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Please be assured that your comments have been carefully noted. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your e-mail to Minister Blaney, who, I am certain, will wish to give your views every consideration.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

M.F. Bustos  
Manager/Gestionnaire  
Executive Correspondence Services  
for the Prime Minister's Office  
Services de la correspondance  
de la haute direction  
pour le Cabinet du Premier ministre

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 06 Sep 2013 10:46:34 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Civil liberties >>>>

1900 homes were broken into in High River by the RCMP.

What are you going to do about it. How many of these officers are going to jail.

What happens the next time there is an emergency , if I lived in High River I would not leave my Home.

Why were no homes broken into in Calgary - Banff - Canmore - Black diamond - Blairmore - Turner Valley by the RCMP.

Thank god for SUN News, I want to know why every home on the street with two RCMP officers living on it had there doors kicked in but there's.

There are obviously some RCMP officers that have to go to jail for this.

I believe we need a couple of countries police forces to do an independent investigation into what happen in High River. That the only way we will get the truth.

Maybe it time to disband the RCMP it is a joke .

If no charges are brought to the officers involved and common sense will tell you there has to be.

That tells me there is a law for ordinary Canadians and one for Police officers.

Regards  
[REDACTED]

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The Honorable Steven Blaney

Mr. Harper, I am writing to you today in regard to the serious concerns I have with the RCMP gun grab in High River. Initially I had planned to write to you regarding my concerns immediately after this came to light but after some consideration I decided to wait and see what the RCMP statements would include.

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Sincerely,



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**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** CIMS\_OPER <CIMSOPER@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** September-17-13 9:01 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FROM : Privy Council Office - Bureau du conseil privé [ Mail # : 182571 Folder # : 843993 Tracking # : 32330161E ]  
**Attachments:** Reply.wpd; Image1.TIF

Attention : Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

The attached correspondence addressed to the Prime Minister is forwarded to your office for action or information as appropriate.

La correspondance ci-jointe adressée au Premier Ministre vous est transmise pour suite à donner ou pour information.

Correspondent / Correspondant :



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Pour de plus amples informations, veuillez composer le 941-6887

Date of this E-Mail / Date de la transmission : Tue 17 Sep 2013 4:52:35 PM

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September 16, 2013

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Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer

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The Most Honorable Stephen Harper

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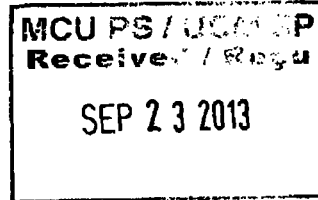
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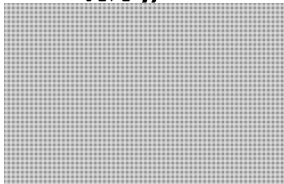
The Honorable Mr. Steven Harper

Mr. Harper and colleges, I am writing you today with serious concerns as to the conduct of the RCMP in High River during the tragic events of this summer's flooding. With every passing week I find more and more grievous information regarding the conduct of the RCMP during these events.

Most recently I have found evidence entered by an independent research company clearly demonstrating that the RCMP was in fact searching for firearms and not just collecting them. This is clear deviation from the message that they have put out and a major contradiction to search and rescue mission that they were supposed to carry out.

I am extremely concerned with the precedent that this will set.

Sincerely,



CC

Hon. Steven Blaney

Hon. Chris Warkentin

Hon. Alison Redford

Hon. Danielle Smith



**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** deVielCastel, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** September-10-13 4:11 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FW: gunsandideas/highriver  
**Attachments:** Quote

For action please.

**De :** [REDACTED]  
**Envoyé :** 8 septembre 2013 01:37  
**À :** Owner; Blaney, Steven - M.P./Député  
**Cc :** Bergen, Candice - M.P.  
**Objet :** Fw: gunsandideas/highriver

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 08, 2013 1:10 AM  
**Subject:** gunsandideas/highriver

I was trying to understand why liberal, lefty, pinko, so called progressive socialist thinkers always give anybody a hard time, when other thinkers have an alternate idea or disagree with them. Then i stumbled upon this gem of a quote(see attachment). They view us as enemies! Now it makes total sense with what happened at Highriver, and the rash of unexplained firearm confiscations by the RCMP around the country. Its the idea that they fear of a country where honest citizens can protect themselves, provide for themselves and think for themselves thus rendering their ideas moot and indefensible(out of step with the majority of Canadians). God help us if we do not fight back. We will be reduced to serfs in OUR own country, serving our champaign swilling elitest bloated ruling class. This after thousands of British citizens gave their time and lives to establish English common law so that we would be free men, and not have to beg at the Kings table or large bloated ruling class liberal elitists!

[REDACTED]

**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** deVielCastel, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** September-12-13 11:56 AM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FW: High River Gun Grab

For action please.

**De :** [REDACTED]  
**Envoyé :** 6 septembre 2013 23:05  
**À :** MacKay, Peter - M.P.; Blaney, Steven - M.P./Député; Prime Minister's Office; Goodyear, Gary - M.P.  
**Objet :** High River Gun Grab

Sept 6

I watched Sun News program The Source with Ezra Levant, I suggest you obtain a copy of this show. It was very disturbing, detailing the actions of the RCMP during the flood. It certainly appears the police acted illegally in confiscating guns. One question that arose "were they using the gun registry to determine who had guns?" This is the least disturbing of many concerns. As a long time supporter of your party, I and many others expect to hear clear explanations of how this happened, and who was responsible and WHO will be disciplined.

Without genuine results to these questions, I for one [REDACTED]  
We mere citizens and fairly important taxpayers are thankful for reporters like Mr Levant

**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** September-12-13 3:38 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your e-mail to the Prime Minister.

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Prime Minister and for sharing a description of the circumstances with which you are dealing. I have forwarded your e-mail to the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, so that he may be made aware of your concerns.

Again, thank you for writing and for bringing this matter to the attention of the Prime Minister.

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 11 Sep 2013 11:14:44 PM >>>

>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - High River Flood >>>>

Date: 2013/9/11 11:14:10 PM

Name/Nom : [REDACTED]

E-Mail/Adresse électronique : [REDACTED] Address/Adresse : [REDACTED]

City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : AB

Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : <http://globalnews.ca/news/834780/flood-victims-in-forgotten-community-say-theyre-being-overlooked/> Dear Prime Minister Harper: I am writing this as a concerned affected resident of High River, Alberta. We are struggling as a community. I am lucky enough to be back in my home, but as you can read by the story I've just posted some aren't. And there are many many more. There are no answers for people - no guidance in steps to take - and the time has come that people are losing their homes. I'm pleading with you to step in - they need money and help to restore their homes. Or answers at least. We helped Syria and many others. It's time to help our own back door. Won't you please please help?? I think you so very much for taking the time to consider this request.

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## Ministerial Correspondence Unit - Mailout

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**From:** Ministerial Correspondence Unit - Mailout  
**Sent:** 2013-Sep-12 2:14 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Correspondence from the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence of July 23, 2013, concerning firearms and the RCMP in High River, Alberta.

While the regulation of firearms is a shared responsibility between the Department of Justice Canada and Public Safety Canada, my colleague the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, is the primary lead with respect to firearms legislation. The RCMP also falls under the purview of Minister Blaney. Accordingly, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to him for his information and consideration.

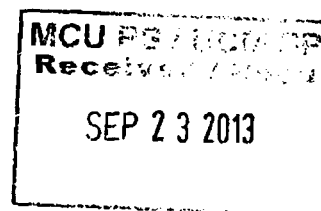
As you are likely aware, the oversight of policing services in Alberta is the responsibility of the Honourable Jonathan Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta. Therefore, if you have not already done so, you may wish to share your concerns with Minister Denis. His contact information is available at <http://justice.alberta.ca/contact/Pages/default.aspx?WT.svl=header>.

Thank you for writing.

Yours truly,

The Honourable Peter MacKay

c.c.: The Honourable Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness



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**Ministerial Correspondence Unit**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 2013-Jul-23 7:31 AM  
**To:** Ministerial Correspondence Unit  
**Subject:** illegal firearms seizures

Mr Minister. As a legal firearm owner I am shocked and appalled at the recent events in High River Alta. [REDACTED] and familiar with search and seizure procedures. The recent seizures in High River were illegal and should be dealt with accordingly. Are The RCMP above Canadian law?. I am extremely concerned about My own Rights as a firearms owner as most firearms owners are. Now is the time to repeal Liberal bill 68 and bring in a new and strict law governing training, misuse, and eligibility for firearms ownership. As You are no doubt aware Provincial Firearms Officers often motivated by Liberal policys make their own laws and regulations. They are not a legislative body but act as if they are. We need an independant director of firearms Office that has strict guidlenes from the Federal Government and applies all regulations equally across Canada. Firearms Owners do not enjoy the same rights as other Canadians and it is time We did. [REDACTED] I feel Mr Harper and His Cabinet have been dragging their heels on firearms issues and it is time there was a serious converstion about bill 68. When will gun owners enjoy the same rights and freedoms as other Canadians.

Respectfully

[REDACTED]

**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** September-13-13 2:49 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

September 13, 2013

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Prime Minister, thank you for your correspondence of August 30. We appreciated receiving your positive input regarding the Québec Court of Appeal's rejection of Québec's attempt to block the destruction of data from the long-gun registry. We have also taken note of your concerns regarding firearms regulations and the seizure of firearms by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in High River, Alberta.

Our Government was pleased with the decision of the Québec Court of Appeal. Please rest assured that we remain committed to standing up for the rights of law-abiding hunters, farmers and sport shooters in all regions of the country, including Québec.

With respect to firearms seizures in High River, our Government expects that, if any firearms were taken, they will be returned to their owners as soon as possible. We believe that the RCMP should focus on more important tasks such as protecting lives and private property.

We have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the Hon. Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. As the issues you have raised fall under Minister Blaney's jurisdiction, he is in the best position to respond to your concerns and we encourage you to dialogue directly with his office.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Assistant to the Prime Minister

cc The Hon. Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

>>> From [REDACTED] Received : 30 Aug 2013 01:54:33 AM >>>

>>> Subject : destroy Quebec gun registry data & High river .etc >>>>

Hello

I am writing once again to thank you and the federal government for ending the wasteful and ineffective long gun registry and encourage you and the federal Conservative government to enforce the Supreme court ruling that says Quebec has no right to the Registry data and force the Quebec government to finally destroy the gun registry data that they are illegally still collecting and saving. Quebecers deserve to be treated the same as the rest of Canadians .

Canadians also deserve an explanation from the R.C.M.P for their actions in High River Alberta where firearms where illegally Seized from evacuated residence

I'm requesting that a Judicial inquiry be called so that the R.C.M.P can answer for their illegal actions that also violated peoples rights.

We need detailed explanations as to why they did what they did and not just excuses.  
I find it disturbing that the R.C.M.P Can violate the charter of rights without consequences!!  
Someone in the R.C.M.P should be at the very least suspended or demoted for this violation of people rights!!!  
this incident should never have happened .the R.C.M.P are not above the law.  
this is Canada not a police state!!

Incidents like this remind us that Canada's firearms laws are not perfect and need to be reviewed and rewritten to reflect common sense so they don't needlessly inconvenience or restrict the legal use of firearms and their owners or violate their rights.

There is nothing in Canadian law that protects the legal licensed ownership of firearms for sporting purposes like target shooting or hunting from future irrational misguided governments.

So I am calling on the federal government to put something into law that does protect the legal use of firearms for hunting and target shooting .Like something put into the charter of rights .such legislation should also protect us from any unreasonable restrictions as well as protect us from unreasonable gun bans that would ban firearms suitable for hunting and target shooting!

Also I would like to see changes that would...

- putting an end to the authorization to transports(ATT's)(it provides no benefit to public safety and only serves to harass law abiding gun owners with unnecessary useless red tape)
- eliminate warrantless searches.(they violate the charter of rights)
- authorize the use of handguns on private property(the use of a handgun in the same places we use rifles is not a threat to public safety)
- eliminate the criminal offence for possessing a firearm without a valid firearms license. provided you once held a valid license.( an expired license does not make anyone a threat to public safety . Should only be required for accusation,use of a firearm,purchase of ammunition .A finable offence would be reasonable .)

- End the UN marking regulations.(could add additional costs as well as make it harder to import new firearms )

- require debate & approval by parliament before any firearms can be re-classified and offer mandatory compensation for confiscations(this is a democratic country not a police state)

- Strip Chief firearms officers of their powers to change laws and regulations.(they are not law makers they are law enforcers and should not be adding additional restrictions on firearms or their owners.)

changes in laws should only be made in parliament and should have to have logical reasoning behind the changes that indicate that it would increase public safety with a 5 and 10 year review on the changes effectiveness.

- Do not ratify the UN arms trade trade treaty.

I fear that it will negatively affect the legal ownership and use of firearms in this country by adding more unreasonable and costly requirements to our already overly excessive firearms regulations.

I fear that one day the opposition parties that have repeatedly indicated that they are no friend to legal licensed firearms owners in this country will one day feel obligated to implement a " National control systems " like another costly and ineffective registration system or worse "gun confiscations"

they will feel obligated because ratifying it will make this treaty an "international standard" and it will not mater to them that research on registration systems and other controls have indicated that such regulations have no affect on criminal activity with firearms .

It also does not protect the god given right to self defense.

- Make the firearms committee a permanent part of parliament and make it a permanent unchangeable requirement that 70% of those on the committee be firearms owners/users and 30% police officers and all must be members of the firearms community.(to ensure that a future governments won't undermine the purpose of the committee by appointing members of anti-gun groups )they are their to represent firearms owners on firearms issues!!

I thank you for ending the long gun registry but it is time for the federal government to quit sitting on the fence on these issues and start fixing the problems with the current firearms laws that still disrespect Canadian firearms owners .The Conservative party is in a position right now to do so with its majority government .

It is better to do something now rather than wishing we did something to protect Canada's law abiding firearm culture and heritage after that culture and heritage is once again under attack by future irrational misguided governments that have no respect or understanding of our culture .

Additionally I would like to see the Senate be elected in the future .it is time for Senate reform!!

I consider these changes to be reasonable and hope to see something legislated soon.





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**From:** CIMS\_OPER <CIMSOPER@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** September-19-13 9:00 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FROM : Privy Council Office - Bureau du conseil privé [ Mail # : 182591 Folder # : 842706 Tracking # : 32070154E ]  
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Thank you for taking the time to write.

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Yours sincerely,

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer

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July 18, 2013

Dear Prime Minister Harper,

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Thank you for your careful leadership of our nation.  
I appreciate the return of freedom to our nation under  
your watch.

The break and enters committed by our RCMP in  
High River, Alberta, however, have me seriously concerned.  
Their ability to do warrantless searches must be STOPPED!  
This event shows how this leads to abuse of power. They  
are no better than common thieves when they kick in  
doors and seize property without reasonable suspicion  
of a crime.

The RCMP ought to be made to personally return  
all of the property they seized with an apology and to  
pay for any and all damages they caused. Homeowners  
should not have to prove to those who broke into their  
home and seized their property that their property really  
is theirs. This is intimidation, and something you  
would expect from criminals, not those who are to  
uphold the law!

I see this as a backdoor gun registry, for the RCMP  
now have information on law abiding citizens that  
they have no right to.

This is one of the most outrageous things I have  
ever heard of. The officers and those who gave the  
orders ought at the VERY LEAST be publicly  
named. They must be accountable to the public  
the same.

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Please uphold our traditional rights and  
freedoms.  
Thank you.

Sincerely



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Right Honourable Steven Harper  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** September-23-13 9:25 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 20 Sep 2013 11:23:25 PM >>>

>>> Subject : SPAM: [Fwd: NFA WORKING WITH MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR BETTER FIREARMS LAWS] >>>>

Dear Prime Minister,

In light of the atrocious actions of the State Police in High River and elsewhere using the ghastly Firearms Act as its excuse making up their own 'laws' as they traumatize the law abiding, it is long past time that C-68 is repealed AS PROMISED. Honest citizens have been attacked by the horrible firearms laws for far too long. After 20 years of denigration and vicious attacks by both politicians and the up-side-down laws,, it is more than overdue and finally we can see light at the end of a very long tunnel.

Letters to your own MP, the PM, and Public Safety Minister supporting the NFA and the Minister, are most important if you value your heritage of hunting and sports shooting, and most of all your property.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

BCC members, judiciary, MLAs, legal, honest media, and other concerned parties.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: NFA WORKING WITH MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR BETTER FIREARMS LAWS

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Fri, September 20, 2013 2:35 pm

To: 'FIREARMS DIGEST' <[cfmod@scorpion.bogend.ca](mailto:cfmod@scorpion.bogend.ca)>

CANADA'S NATIONAL FIREARMS ASSOCIATION MEDIA RELEASE - SEPTEMBER 19, 2013  
NFA WORKING WITH MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR BETTER FIREARMS LAWS  
<http://nfa.ca/news/media-release-nfa-working-ministry-public-safety-better-firearms-laws>

Canada's National Firearms Association is pleased to announce that NFA representatives met with senior staff members from the Office of the Minister of Public Safety Steven Blaney on September 18 in Ottawa.

In the coming months we will be working with the Minister of Public Safety towards building common sense firearm legislation that respects the rights of law abiding Canadian firearms owners without compromising public safety. NFA President Sheldon Clare stated, 'This government seems willing to move forward in making major improvements to Canadian firearm law. Our bad firearms laws have long needed change and the NFA stands ready to point out areas where improvements are needed.'

Speaking from Ottawa Canada's National Firearms Executive Vice President Shawn Bevins said 'We are optimistic about this Minister's willingness to recognize that Canada's National Firearms Association can make a significant contribution toward easing the administrative nightmare and burden that the Firearms Act's former Bills C-17 and C-68 have placed on law-abiding firearms owners. The Government has recognized that honest citizens should not be the intended target of poorly written legislation that ultimately does nothing to enhance public safety.' Bevins further pointed out that 'There is a renewed interest in the research around Canadian firearms law that will certainly lead to an improved legal environment for firearms owners.'

Canada's National Firearms Association is this country's largest advocacy organization promoting the rights and freedoms of all responsible firearm owners and users.

For more information contact:

Blair Hagen, Executive VP Communications, 604-753-8682 [Blair@nfa.ca](mailto:Blair@nfa.ca)

Sheldon Clare, President, 250-981-1841 [Sheldon@nfa.ca](mailto:Sheldon@nfa.ca)

Shawn Bevins, Executive VP, 819-313-2887 [shawn@nfa.ca](mailto:shawn@nfa.ca)

• Canada's NFA toll-free number - 1-877-818-0393  
NFA Website: [www.nfa.ca](http://www.nfa.ca)

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SAFETY  
<http://nfa.ca/news>



**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** November-28-13 2:00 PM  
**To:** PM@pm.gc.ca  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle; peter.mackay@parl.gc.ca; danielle.smith@assembly.ab.ca; Firearms Digest; OUTDOORS CAUCUS ASSOCIATION  
**Subject:** [Fwd: RCMP did not take guns from gun cabinets or otherwise secured.]

It seems obvious that the police in the article below are lying unless 1900+ High River residents kept from their homes far longer than necessary, victims of the smash and grab gun searches and confiscations, are lying. The horrible actions of the RCMP in High River and Slave Lake previously, cannot be condoned. As "Sgt. Julie Gagnon wrote to her colleagues, (Referring to the PM and other politicians) "They are getting involved in basic police work where we are only ensuring the safety/security of the population. Police do that kind of work when they go to residences that are unsecured. This is not taking them away from doing other things, they have to do it."

Does this mean that any time a gun owner goes grocery shopping, or on a vacation, his home can be broken into and raided by RCMP? What difference if you are gone from your LOCKED and SECURED home due to forced evacuation or simply a holiday? If the residences were "unsecured" why did they kick down over 1900 doors? OBVIOUSLY THEY WERE SECURED. The whole town was cordoned off and guarded by RCMP and SPIKE BELTS so ONLY RCMP had access. How in God's name does that amount to "public safety?"

Since when is kicking down the doors or smashing the windows of "secured homes - locked" and taking ONLY their firearms, "BASIC POLICE WORK?"

"HAVE TO DO IT?" Good Lord, what have the police in Canada become? It was only a few short decades ago that firearms owners were the greatest allies and friends of the police and law and order. Now C-68 has turned them into fearful enemies with the power to destroy lives and livelihoods for "victimless paper crimes." That is the biggest tragedy of a fraudulently passed law that should by now have been repealed, AS PROMISED. ONLY the honest are criminalized, attacked, and monitored by this horrific legislative Sword of Damocles, while criminals are protected as they laugh all the way to their next "live home invasion," a term not even coined before the ghastly C-68 attack on the productive and law abiding citizens.



CC public safety minister, justice minister, Danielle Smith, MLA for High River; Firearms Digest and Outdoors Caucus Association

BCC members, judiciary, MPs, legal, honest media, and other concerned parties.

----- Original Message -----

**Subject: RCMP did not take guns from gun cabinets or otherwise secured.**

**From:**

**Date: Thu, November 28, 2013 11:12 am**

**To:**

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**"We did not search for firearms and only firearms that were in the open/in plain sight were to be noted and secured. The purpose of the searches were for people and animals in distress."**

**"The officer added that no STO members seized firearms from gun cabinets, whether they were locked or not."**

**Outright lies. More lies and damn lies. Why were doors kicked in that were not even in the flood plains, and why did it take THREE home invasions by RCMP on particular occasions to find the guns they knew were there - somewhere. They had to have a copy of the long gun registry which was by law supposed to have been destroyed.**

**<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/rcmp-felt-political-pressure-over-alberta-flood-gun-seizures-1.2442859>**

**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** deVielCastel, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** September-24-13 12:45 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FW: High River horror shao

For action please.

**De :** [REDACTED]  
**Envoyé :** 16 septembre 2013 15:29  
**À :** Blaney, Steven - M.P./Député  
**Cc :** Harper, Stephen - P.M.; Harris, Richard M. - M.P.; Ritz, Gerry - M.P.; Ambrose Rona; Fantino, Julian - M.P.; [REDACTED] Bergen, Candice - M.P.; Storseth, Brian - M.P.; Kenney, Jason - M.P.; Anders, Rob - M.P.; Baird, John - M.P.; Finley, Diane - M.P.; MacKay, Peter - M.P.; Duncan, John - M.P.  
**Objet :** High River horror shao

**To:** Stephen Blaney  
Minister of Public Safety

Dear Sir,

The recent RCMP fiasco in Hugh River, Alberta, deserves your undivided attention.

This Police action, shows what happens when a police force doesn't have to answer to anyone for their actions and are allowed to enact any action without censure.

For the RCMP to target only those home where firearms have been registered, tells me that they have illegally retained Bill C 68 information.

You sir are the only person who can reduce this police power grab. Thanks for your help.

Yours Truly

[REDACTED]

**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** September-24-13 9:37 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister. In your e-mail, you raised an issue that falls within the portfolio of the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully noted. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your e-mail to Minister Blaney, who, I am certain, will wish to give your views every consideration.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

M.F. Bustos  
Manager/Gestionnaire  
Executive Correspondence Services  
for the Prime Minister's Office  
Services de la correspondance  
de la haute direction  
pour le Cabinet du Premier ministre

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 23 Sep 2013 05:40:47 PM >>>

>>> Subject : RCMP High River Gun Grab >>>>

I have the feeling the RCMP in High River may not have destroyed their copy of the gun registry....how else would they know who has rifles.

Do you have someone looking into this?

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**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** October-15-13 2:23 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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Executive Correspondence Officer  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 30 Sep 2013 06:06:44 PM >>>

>>> Subject : High River Incident >>>>

Prime Minister Harper,

I am hoping that the incident at High River, Alberta regarding the flagrant violation of civil rights, criminal activities and damages of private citizens property is not going to be swept under the carpet.

This is exactly what we are all afraid of, what can happen when the RCMP is allowed to run amuck and violate our rights and violate them they did, make no mistake.

I hope that you will call for a full public investigation of their actions, who ordered it and how far up the food chain this approval of this action went. I would find it very hard to believe that the local Sargent ordered this action.

At the very least everyone at the High River detachment that took part in this incident should be suspended without pay and charged with break and enter, theft of property, illegal possession of stolen fire arms.

Any other citizen who perpetrated a crime on this scale would be in jail now awaiting trial not allowed to freely go about their business as if nothing has happened, totally outrageous!

What will be done to prevent this type of police state action from happening ever again in the future?

This is not just a matter of guns and gun owners, if the RCMP is allowed to get away with this unprecedented invasion of civil rights what will be their next excuse to justify their actions.

**Just try to get people to leave their homes and property during the next disaster could be quite the feat after this incident, no one will trust the RCMP or civil authority again!**

**Who is going to pay for the damages in excess of 3.5 million dollars caused by these looters, I hope it is not going to be the taxpayer.**

**The RCMP, once held in great esteem in Canada and Alberta has been on a long slow slide into mediocrity and this is one more reason why they do not have the respect of the people.**

**They are payed civil servants, payed by the people of Alberta to Protect and Serve, where has that gone wrong?**

**I did not see it (Protect and Serve) in the murder at the Vancouver airport of the Polish man by four thugs dressed up as RCMP officers and I surely did not see it again in High River as I watched the nightly news, as one of the RCMP looters stomped up the carpeted stairs in someones home in muddy hip waders!**

**This was someones home in Alberta he was trashing with no regard at all, not some third world country. Alberta is my province and my home, this is a disgraceful incident that begs for a response!**

**Best regards,**



**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** CIMS\_OPER <CIMSOPER@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** October-21-13 9:00 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FROM : Privy Council Office - Bureau du conseil privé [ Mail # : 182937 Folder # : 842898 Tracking # : 32110141E ]  
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October 17, 2013



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Your sincerely,

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer

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**TO THE PRIME MINISTER.**

**I SEND THIS HOPEFULLY IN PRIVACY, I AM ALONG WITH MANY OTHER CANADIANS UPSET AND  
CRITICAL OF THE ACTIONS OF THE R.C.M.P. THIS IS NOT DEMOCRATIC OR LEGAL BREAKING  
INTO**

**PRIVATE RESIDENCES WHILE RESIDENTS ARE ORDERED TO VACATE. THE MOTO OF THE  
MOUNTIES USED TO**

**BE MAINTAIN THE RIGHT, NOT MAINTAIN THE FRIGHT. THE ARE KILLING TO MANY PEOPLE IN  
HOLDING**

**CELLS, BEATING UP SENIORS ETC. [REDACTED] I WORKED 2 JOBS MOST OF MY  
LIFE I PUT**

**MY CHILDREN THRU COLLEGE. [REDACTED] I HAVE  
BEEN A GUN**

**OWNER [REDACTED] RIGHT NOW A CHILD MOLESTER OR MURDERER HAS MORE RIGHTS  
THAN I HAVE**

**AS A GUN OWNER. WE USED TO SHARE OUR CLUB WITH THE LOCAL POLICE NO PROBLEMNS  
NOW WE ARE**

**UNDER SURVEILLANCE . WHAT WENT WRONG? ARE THE POLICE DIRECTED BY LIBERALS NORTH  
KOREA**

**OR THE U.N WICH I DONT TRUST ANY MORE. I HOPE THE RCMP WHO BROKE INTO HIGH RIVER  
HOMES**

**PERSONALLY PAY FOR DAMAGES, AND AT CONTRACT TIME SAY BY BY. WE ARE GOING TO WIN  
THE NEXT**

**ELECTION. GOD FAMILY FREEDOM.**

**YOUR S TRULY**

[REDACTED]  
**THANKS FOR BEING A GOOD PRIME MINISTER**

**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** CIMS\_OPER <CIMSOPER@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
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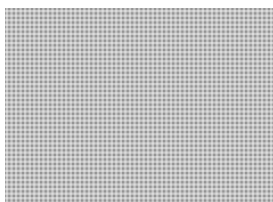
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Thank you for taking the time to write.

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Yours sincerely,

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer

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To Prime Minister Harper,

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I am writing with concerns regarding recent RCMP actions in High River and regarding the Canadian Firearms Centre's attempts to reclassify previously non-restricted firearms to prohibited.

The RCMP's "rescue" operations in High River have been revealed to be truly disturbing no-warrant search-and-confiscate operations. Forced entry into evacuated homes and the theft of firearms within raise serious questions about the leadership and internal culture of the RCMP. This type of activity is beyond unacceptable. The lack of respect for people's homes, abuse of the emergency situation, and lack of accountability of the principal actors are all symptomatic of policing gone horribly wrong.

Responsible parties, from officers carrying out orders up the chain of command must be punished.

Beyond High River but also related to the RCMP's ongoing agenda of civilian disarmament, the reclassification efforts to move the Swiss Arms and Kriss rifles from non-restricted to prohibited status is absurd. These arms have zero history of use in crime. They have been safely sold in Canada for years. The reclassification effort is another arbitrary abuse of power by the RCMP directed at law-abiding gun owners.

Please address these troubling concerns. The RCMP is out of control.

## Arsenault, Roger

**From:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Sent:** November-18-13 8:01 AM  
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**Attention :** Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

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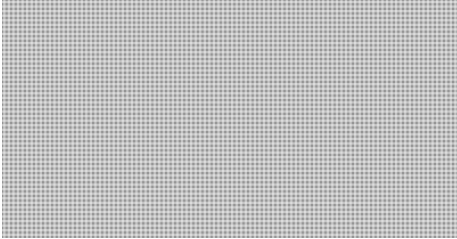
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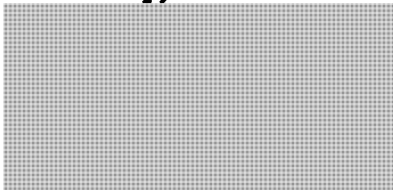
On behalf of the Prime Minister, thank you for your correspondence of August 9 and the enclosed copy of your letter to the Conservative Party of Canada. We appreciated the opportunity to review your comments and have taken note of your concerns regarding the seizure of firearms by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in High River, Alberta, firearms regulations in Canada and Sharia law.

If any firearms were taken, our Government expects that they will be returned to their owners as soon as possible. We believe that the RCMP should focus on more important tasks such as protecting lives and private property.

With respect to firearms regulations in Canada, we have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the Hon. Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. As this issue falls under Minister Blaney's jurisdiction, he is in the best position to respond to your concerns and we encourage you to dialogue directly with his office.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Assistant to the Prime Minister



cc The Hon. Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

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Stephen J. Harper.  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Ottawa Ont.

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Dear Stephen,

See my att. letter to our ruling party.  
I am concerned. About the 'idea' also:  
① RCMP in High River. A police state?  
② RCMP in charge of determining new guidelines.  
③ Sharia law in Canada? Sorry!  
④ Native privileges way out of control.  
I know this from...

In 1992 all air work was taken  
away and given to  
to build them at  
all costs. Being a white contractor  
was a detriment no matter how  
significant you were.

In a closing note. The Liberals  
knew jup bills C-19 & C-68 must  
go. They do nothing for public safety.

Yours truly,



**Conservative Party Headquarters,**

**The Conservative Party of Canada is to be congratulated & thanked for carrying out the first part of their promise to overhaul the gun registry. The abolition of the Long Gun Registry was a grand start. It shows that common sense can overrule emotion, when attempted.**

**During the last election, members of the Conservative Party of Canada & the general public were promised a complete review of present firearms laws. However, the recent overruling by the Prime Minister to halt all further changes & the threatening to replace members on the committee, has set off many alarms. This 'appears' to be an attempt to restrain real input from non-bias committee members.**

**If the party continues to 'water-down' & 'back-track' on campaign promises, we have no further options but to withhold our contributions. There are other organizations that continue to work towards our best interests and not towards a political agenda that serves the party and not the party supporters or voters.**

**It is important that those in positions of determining policy be reminded that we do not come 'with cap in hand'. We are citizens NOT subjects of Canada or The Conservative Party of Canada. Supporters of the Conservative Party of Canada have promised & fulfilled their commitment to contribute financial donations to the maximum the law allows. Please remember that your FUTURE employment depends on monetary donations as well as votes. Broken promises have a very long shelf life and respect, once lost, is difficult & frequently impossible to re-build.**

**REMEMBER, your decisions and actions help guide and control the future of the PRESENT government, the Conservative Party of Canada, Canada and its citizens as a whole!**

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**From:** deVielCastel, Elizabeth  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** FW: Seizure of firearms in High River  
**Date:** November-20-13 1:27:12 PM

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For action please.

**De :** [REDACTED]  
**Envoyé :** 16 novembre 2013 21:28  
**À :** [Tim.cogan@cpc-cpp.gc.ca](mailto:Tim.cogan@cpc-cpp.gc.ca)  
**Cc :** Blaney, Steven - M.P./Député  
**Objet :** Seizure of firearms in High River

I have sent a couple of enquiries and complaints about the RCMP regarding the events in High River. A substantial amount of time has passed and I have had no acknowledgement that you have received the complaints, nor have I received any response to my questions. I have reached the conclusion that the commission has no intent of telling the truth about what happened. It has become clear that this is another case of police investigating police and the intent is to stall until the public forgets about the severe breeches of public trust. The inaction of the commission is another step in the public losing trust in the RCMP, the legal system and the governments who control the police force.

I will not forget. The amount of stalling you have done makes it clear you intend to present a whitewash report covering up for the RCMP and Alberta government. Shame on you.

[REDACTED]

**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** November-25-13 1:58 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your e-mail to the Prime Minister.

Please be assured that your comments have been noted. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your e-mail to the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, for his information.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 22 Nov 2013 03:12:13 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Responsible People >>>>

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Greetings Prime Minister Harper:

There are many references to a particular government that it's "draconian, tyrannical, dictatorial". However, I don't think any of those terms fit your government. But when citizens are attacked and endangered by government (or the enforcers thereof) I would call it vicious.

When law abiding citizens are victimized as in High River Alberta or in Vancouver BC it and attack on the very substance of good behavior. The police should have not broken down doors and stolen firearms in the former and not have been involved in a citizen speaking out against smart meters in the latter.

Canadian gun owners are the safest and most responsible of all citizens. However, firearms owners are in constant danger from a law that should be repealed. Our very own government shouldn't endanger law-abiding citizens. Punishments for victimless "crimes" seem to be far worse and have worse provisions than for serious violent crimes.

These paper crimes need your serious attention. These laws need to be taken care of so that they're never miss-used at any time in the future of Canada.

Thanks and Cheers,

[REDACTED]

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**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** November-28-13 3:27 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

November 28, 2013

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Prime Minister, thank you for your correspondence regarding the Coalition for Gun Control. We appreciated the opportunity to review your comments and have taken note of your concerns.

We have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the Hon. Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. As this issue falls under Minister Blaney's jurisdiction, he is in the best position to respond to your concerns and we encourage you to dialogue directly with his office.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Assistant to the Prime Minister

cc The Hon. Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 23 Sep 2013 10:26:56 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Unauthorized entry by the RCMP in High River. >>>>

Prime Minister,

I would welcome you to the world of Wendy Cukier. as per the attachment.

According to Miss Cukier you or your office overstepped the bounds of your position as the Prime Minister of Canada. I attended the meeting in High River that was called by Daniele Smith the leader of the Alberta provincial Wild Rose Party. She called the meeting as her constituents were extremely upset by the unauthorized entry into about 1900 homes as I understand it by kicking in the doors to gain entry. You and your office were made aware of what actually happened. Obviously you did not clear your comments with Miss Cukier. According to her letter your comments may have compromised the future operations of the RCMP. The anger and frustration of the people at the meeting was sad to see. Some of those people lost everything they had clothes, family pictures and their homes! Miss Cukier I am told is partially funded by my tax dollars and my Government, is that true?

As a long time [REDACTED] constituent in your riding I am asking for an answer. Please take the time to reply.



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>> Date: Fri, September 20, 2013 2:43 pm  
>> From: [REDACTED]  
>> Subject: COALITION FOR GUN CONTROL WANTS HIGH RIVER FLOOD VICTIMS ...  
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>> ...CHARGED  
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>> NFA MEDIA RELEASE - COALITION FOR GUN CONTROL WANTS HIGH RIVER FLOOD  
>> VICTIMS CHARGED - Friday, September 20, 2013  
>> <http://nfa.ca/news/media-release-coalition-gun-control-wants-high-river-flood-victims-charged>  
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>> COALITION FOR GUN CONTROL WANTS HIGH RIVER FLOOD VICTIMS CHARGED  
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>> In a letter to Ian McPhail, Interim Chair for the Commission for  
>> Public Complaints Against the RCMP, Coalition for Gun Control  
>> President Wendy Cukier cites Criminal Code provisions which she says  
>> necessitate firearms storage charges against High River Alberta flood  
>> victims. (click here to view letter)  
>> <http://guncontrol.ca/coalition-for-gun-control-letter-on-high-river-a-b-situation-to-the-rcmp-complaints-commission/>  
>>  
>> According NFA Vice President Communications Blair Hagen, 'Not only  
>> must High River Flood Victims have their doors kicked in, homes  
>> damaged and their property seized, now they must be subjected to the  
>> demands of the powerful and politically connected gun control lobby  
>> that they be criminally charged as part of their misfortune.' Mr.  
>> Hagen added, 'Canada's firearms storage and transportation laws are  
>> famously complicated, and designed for maximum potential for charges  
>> even when no threat to public safety exists. High River residents  
>> were put in an impossible situation due to the flooding of their  
>> homes, a situation that allows for the exploitation of Firearms Act  
>> regulations towards criminal charges which Ms. Cukier is now demanding'.  
>> He  
>> continued, 'It seems that the real purpose behind these regulations,  
>> firearms confiscation and criminal charge of victims - not public

>> safety - has now been unmasked by the Coalition for Gun Control's  
>> demands.  
>> Hopefully, High River flood victims will be allowed to dry out before  
>> they are carted off to jail according to the wishes of the like of  
>> Wendy Cukier'.  
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>> Canada's National Firearms Association is this country's largest  
>> advocacy organization promoting the rights and freedoms of all  
>> responsible firearm owners and users.  
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>> For more information contact:  
>> Blair Hagen, Executive VP Communications, 604-753-8682 [Blair@nfa.ca](mailto:Blair@nfa.ca)  
>> Sheldon Clare, President, 250-981-1841 [Sheldon@nfa.ca](mailto:Sheldon@nfa.ca) Shawn Bevins,  
>> Executive VP, 819-313-2887 [shawn@nfa.ca](mailto:shawn@nfa.ca) Canada's NFA toll-free number  
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**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** December-11-13 10:52 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

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Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 10 Dec 2013 08:57:37 PM >>>

>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - Public Safety >>>>

Date: 2013/12/10 20:58:06

Name/Nom : [REDACTED]

E-Mail/Adresse électronique : [REDACTED] Address/Adresse : [REDACTED] City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : AB Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED] elephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : I have just watched the documentary on the search and seizure of guns from private homes during the High River flood. This was an abominable occurrence. The powers of the RCMP should be totally suspended. The corporation should be required to make monetary payments to all their victims. My father was a member for many years. He believed in black & white law, no grey area. Now they are wrong, this was a black op. against their fellow Canadians, how can this possibly be justified? Thank you for attending the Nelson Mandela funeral.



**Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** December-13-13 10:56 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

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Executive Correspondence Officer  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From: [REDACTED] Received: 12 Dec 2013 08:02:57 PM >>>

>>> Subject: High River Gun Seizure >>>>

Sir

I would like to know if your government ordered the destruction of the 'National Long Gun Registry' and whether or not it was indeed destroyed.

The RCMP in Alberta had to have had access to a registry of long gun owners this year when they broke into homes and seized guns of law abiding citizens of High River. People have to be complete fools to not see these were deliberately targeted homes, the RCMP had to have access to a registry.

This situation is extremely serious, they're not only thumbing their nose at the people of High River, they are poking the 'Peoples Government' in the eye.

I hope, no demand, you will investigate this matter and take the serious steps necessary to correct and if necessary discipline those responsible.

[REDACTED]

**Roy-Cartier, Marjolaine**

**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 30, 2013 11:02 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister. In your e-mail, you raised an issue that falls within the portfolio of the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully noted. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your e-mail to Minister Blaney, who, I am certain, will wish to give your views every consideration.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Donald R. Smith

A/Manager | Gestionnaire par intérim

Executive Correspondence | Correspondance de la haute direction

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>>> From: [REDACTED] Received : 28 Dec 2013 11:05:12 PM >>>

>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - Justice and Attorney General of Canada >>>>

Date: 2013/12/28 23:05:50

Name/Nom : [REDACTED]

E-Mail/Adresse électronique [REDACTED]

Address/Adresse : [REDACTED]

City/Adresse : [REDACTED]

Province : ON Postal Code/Code postal : [REDACTED]

Telephone/Téléphone : [REDACTED]

Comments/Commentaires : Dear Sir; My name is [REDACTED] I am writing to express my extreme displeasure with the actions of the RCMP in High River. As I am sure you are aware RCMP officers illegally entered the homes of lawful firearms owners and illegally seized property belonging to those persons. In addition they broke down doors and left these homes unsecured. These actions can not be tolerated in a free society. I am asking you to see to it that every single RCMP member who committed these acts be punished to the full extent of the law. Commissioner Robert Paulson needs to be fired as soon as possible for authorising these illegal actions. Thank you for your time Sir. [REDACTED]

## Roy-Cartier, Marjolaine

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**From:** CIMS\_OPER <CIMSOPER@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 17, 2014 9:00 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la  
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**Subject:** FROM : Privy Council Office - Bureau du conseil privé [ Mail # : 184176 Folder # :  
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Attention : Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

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Correspondent / Correspondant :

Mr. Sheldon Clare  
President  
Canada's National Firearms Association  
P.O. Box 49090  
Edmonton (Alberta)  
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January 15, 2014

Mr. Sheldon Clare  
President  
Canada's National Firearms Association  
P.O. Box 49090  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T6E 6H4

Dear Mr. Clare:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of December 16 regarding the seizure of firearms by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police during the flood in High River, Alberta.

**COPY / COPIE**  
You may be assured that your comments, offered on behalf of the National Firearms Association, have been carefully reviewed. As a copy of your correspondence has already been forwarded to the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, I am certain that the Minister will also have appreciated being made aware of your concerns.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely,



Executive Correspondence Officer

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## CANADA'S NATIONAL FIREARMS ASSOCIATION

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December 16, 2013

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper**  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Stephen Harper,

In light of the serious nature of the allegations arising from events around the seizure of firearms from High River residences last summer, Canada's National Firearms Association respectfully requests that the federal government institute a Judicial Inquiry into the actions of the RCMP with regards to the breaking into some 1,900 homes and subsequent seizure of firearms located therein.

While the National Firearms Association wholeheartedly supports the RCMP Public Complaints Commission extending its investigation into the break-in of more than 1,900 High River homes by the RCMP, we believe that the Commission's mandate is too narrow. The Commission may be able to find out what happened, but it is hamstrung by legislative constraints that won't allow the Commissioner's investigators to dig deep enough to find out why, nor to address the significant question of how such an event could happen as it did outside of a police state. In our view there simply must be a full judicial inquiry with a broad mandate to determine what happened and why in High River – the problem is far beyond one of police policy and procedure.

It has become increasingly clear that any full investigation also has to include the role of the Alberta Government and in particular the communications between Municipal Affairs Minister Doug Griffiths and the RCMP.

Additionally, on page 92 of the RCMP response to one of NFA's eleven Access to Information (ATI) Act requests on the issue, it shows that in addition to the 223 RCMP officers deployed in High River during the flood, there were 310 Canadian Forces personnel in High River, many of whom were witnesses to the unwarranted search and seizure operations in High River. During our communications with National Defence in October, we were told that documentation does exist from soldiers in response to our ATI Act request for records of 'complaints and witness accounts of any inappropriate or illegal action observed while working in High River'. However, the RCMP Public Complaints Commissioner does not have authority to examine these records or interview Canadian Forces personnel about what they saw and did in High River.

*In defence of freedom*

**In the view of Canada's National Firearms Association, a Judicial Inquiry is necessary in order to ensure that excesses such as what happened in High River do not happen again.**

**Yours truly,**



**Sheldon Clare, M.A.**

**President**

**Canada's National Firearms Association**

**CC. Minister of Public Safety for Canada, Hon. Steven Blaney**

**Alberta Opposition Leader, Danielle Smith**

**Premier of Alberta, Alison Redford**

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Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of December 2, 2013, concerning the RCMP in High River, Alberta.

The RCMP falls under the purview of the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. Accordingly, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to Minister Blaney for his information and consideration.

The oversight of policing services in Alberta is the responsibility of the Honourable Jonathan Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta. Therefore, if you have not already done so, you may wish to share your concerns with Minister Denis. His office is located at Alberta Justice and Solicitor General, 3rd floor, Bowker Building, 9833 - 109 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2E8.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

ORIG. [REDACTED]

L. Bisson  
Manager  
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c.c.: The Honourable Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

Honorable Peter Mackay

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if they are in trouble instead  
I have to caution them  
Thank you

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**Durocher, Nathalie**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** January-22-14 2:32 PM  
**To:** Durocher, Nathalie  
**Subject:** FW: Illegal Police Activities  
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**Importance:** High

Another for status update

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Illegal Police Activities  
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Jason,

Would you please check to see if this was replied to? If yes, would you mind forwarding a copy of the response to me.

Thanks.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 09, 2013 12:47 PM  
**To:** Scheewe, Nathan ([Nathan.Scheewe@ps-sp.gc.ca](mailto:Nathan.Scheewe@ps-sp.gc.ca))  
**Subject:** FW: Illegal Police Activities  
**Importance:** High

Nathan.

Please have the dept reply to this asap.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 09, 2013 12:10 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Illegal Police Activities

Dear [REDACTED]

I write to you today, greatly disturbed by two events, one that happened twelve years ago and one that has equally disturbing implications that happened just a few days ago.

The recent floods that have caused severe damage and disrupted the lives of thousands of families in Calgary and other towns in Southern Alberta, have highlighted an incredibly disturbing trend by certain Canadian authorities to infringe civil rights. I was absolutely incensed after reading how RCMP officers prevented residents who had been evacuated from the town of High River, from returning to their homes, whilst the officers forcibly entered homes and removed 'hundreds' of firearms.

According to the police reports, the police forced their way into houses, under the auspices of searching for stranded people and animals. However, residents claimed that their homes had been searched and firearms removed from places where they had concealed them, above the anticipated flood water level. Residents were not permitted to return to their homes and a video even shows the police deploying a 'Stinger' across the road to prevent residents breaking the blockade.

IF the police are so good at keeping out the residents, then presumably they can be equally effective dealing with looters, which is what they initially claimed they were guarding against.

The police had NO RIGHT to enter those houses as they did. According to Canadian law, police must be in possession of a warrant in order to enter, search a property and remove items found. No such warrant was issued.

Since this is a serious breach of the law, I demand that the person responsible for issuing the order to break into houses and remove firearms, be brought to justice and an assurance from BC authorities that no such infringement will be permitted in our own Province.

What legal rights do citizens have to guard against the illegal activities of the RCMP? Are we permitted to make citizens arrests of police officers, I wonder? Do you realize that this is precisely the mechanism used by Adolf Hitler and his new Nazi regime, to bring people under control prior to the inception of war?

If there was suspicion of illegal activities taking place throughout the town, then a warrant could have been raised for an investigation, but to use the cover of a forced evacuation to search and remove property ad hoc infringes civil liberties. I wonder what the reaction would have been had it been your house or Mr Stephen Harper's house or the homes of the police officers involved?

I include here links to newspaper articles citing the incident:

<http://www.theprovince.com/news/alberta/RCMP+seized+High+River+firearms+from+homes+control+situation/858851/story.html>

[http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/canadian-police-broke-into-homes-seized-firearms-without-warrant-in-flood-s?utm\\_source=feedburner&utm\\_medium=feed&utm\\_campaign=Feed%3A+LifesitenewscomLatestHeadlines+%28LifeSiteNews.com+Latest+Headlines%29](http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/canadian-police-broke-into-homes-seized-firearms-without-warrant-in-flood-s?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+LifesitenewscomLatestHeadlines+%28LifeSiteNews.com+Latest+Headlines%29)

<http://m.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/rcmp-returning-seized-guns-to-high-river-residents/article12973758/?service=mobile>

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/news/Gallery+High+River+evacuees+confront+RCMP/8588764/story.html>

Note the phenomenal number of police officers engaged in this blockade in the above photo gallery. It appears that they anticipated trouble from the residents! Why else would the police be standing by in that fashion, when there was so much to do elsewhere?

The second event that has come to my attention is the Toronto Hearings, which took place at Ryerson University, Toronto, from September 8th to 11th, 2011. Organised by a collective of more than one thousand eight hundred engineers and architects who determined that the collapse of World Trade Center buildings 1, 2 and 7 on September 11th, 2001 could not possibly have occurred in the manner described in the official reports. During the four day event,

a considerable amount of evidence was presented, which demonstrates that the official story that the buildings collapsed due to Islamist extremists flying hijacked passenger planes into the Twin Towers, is a lie.

The evidence was presented by professionals in a variety of different fields, many of whom have written peer-reviewed articles and/or provided expert witness testimonial in law courts. This event was a not bunch of 'conspiracy theorists', but a well organised group of professionals. The evidence was presented before a panel of experts, including a judge.

On September 11th 2001, 24 Canadians were killed in the attacks on the WTC. Since that time almost one million people have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, without any justification, including 157 members of the Canadian armed forces.

Thirty eight countries joined the military forces in the war in Afghanistan; a war based on lies surrounding the 9-11 events, presented by the United States government, and Canada carries the burden of shame for accepting those lies without any corroboration of evidence and taking part in the annihilation of innocent people in Afghanistan.

There appears to be a complete blockade of new evidence from 911, from being published in the mainstream media. I appreciate that a public announcement that the official story of this incident is incorrect, is likely to have enormous consequences right across the globe. I suspect that the media have been told not to publish such information for fear of anarchy. However, Canada cannot continue to be a part of this lie and I should like to know what action the Canadian government is going to take in light of the evidence presented at the Toronto hearings. The final report for the hearings is about to be released and this report is likely to damn the official story and the associated official studies.

For more details of the studies carried out by the architects and engineers visit

<http://ae911truth.org>

<http://torontohearings.org>

I have attached a copy of the Brookman Analyses of the NIST report regarding the collapse of WTC7.

I would like to reiterate that this is not a group of theorists, but a large organisation of specialists, who through their training and expertise, understand that the towers could not possibly have fallen according to the official story. If they really DID fall due to fire, then NIST failed to inform the world that high rise buildings are completely unsafe and should be abandoned immediately. NIST has not made any recommendations concerning building safety following their report into 911 and yet their findings should have demanded an immediate and complete overhaul of high-rise building safety standards. Therein lies proof positive that their report was a sham.

I would like Canada to initiate a new and independent investigation into the events of 911 and to cease all military action that was engaged on the basis of the official story.

To do nothing about these two incidents, however disparate they might seem at first glance, means that we have learned nothing from history. We are blindly wandering into a rule of tyranny; the difference this time, is that the tyrants are not so obvious. They appear to be hiding behind a corporate and political screen. Let us grasp this opportunity to bring an end to this railroad of war and lies and ensure that our children do not have to suffer the shame of parents and elders who cowardly, stood back and allowed this to happen.

I trust you, in your elected position as spokesman for the people, to do your part in leading Canada into a new era of truth and forgiveness.

Yours sincerely

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**Roy-Cartier, Marjolaine**

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**Sent:** Monday, February 03, 2014 2:41 PM  
**To:** Public Safety - Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique - Unité de la correspondance ministérielle  
**Subject:** Correspondence on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada  
**Attachments:** 14-001180 Incoming(1).pdf; 14-001180 outgoing email(1).htm

The attached correspondence addressed to the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada is forwarded to your office for action or information as appropriate.

La correspondance ci-jointe adressée au ministre de la Justice et procureur général du Canada vous est transmise pour suite à donner ou pour information.

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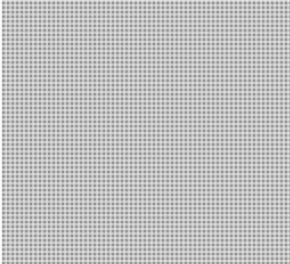
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**From:** Ministerial Correspondence Unit - Mailout  
**Sent:** 2014-Feb-03 2:39 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Correspondence on behalf of the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, I acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of January 24, 2014, concerning the RCMP in High River, Alberta.

The RCMP falls under the purview of the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. Accordingly, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your correspondence to Minister Blaney for his information and consideration.

The oversight of policing services in Alberta is the responsibility of the Honourable Jonathan Denis, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General of Alberta. Therefore, if you have not already done so, you may wish to share your concerns with Minister Denis. His contact information is available at <http://justice.alberta.ca/contact/Pages/default.aspx?WT.svl=header>.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

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Manager  
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**Ministerial Correspondence Unit - Justice Canada**

**From:** MacKay, Peter - M.P. [peter.mackay@parl.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** 2014-01-24 2:25 PM  
**To:** Ministerial Correspondence Unit - Justice Canada  
**Subject:** FW: High River RCMP and Charter of Rights

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** January 24, 2014 1:36 PM  
**To:** MacKay, Peter - M.P.  
**Subject:** High River RCMP and Charter of Rights

Dear Sir:

I am very concerned about Canadian Civil Rights violations during the High River flood disaster. RCMP ignored civil authority. I know you are aware of the situation and the events that occurred.

RCMP apparently still have access to the long gun registry information which enabled them to seize firearms in High River from law abiding citizens. They also periodically have, without authority under the law, reclassified firearms under the Firearms Act.

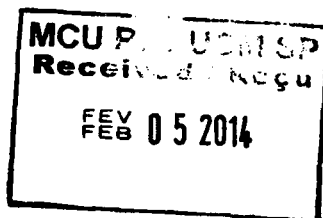
My question is this: What measures have been taken to prevent this from ever repeating and how have the RCMP and those in charge been held accountable for the violations.

I would hope that the next time there is a natural disaster that Canadians can turn with trust and confidence to the RCMP and not be forced to view them as agents of a police state and to take matters into their own hands.

Thank you for your attention to this email.

[REDACTED]





The Hon. Steven Blaney

Public Safety Minister of Canada

Parliament of Canada – House of Commons

Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

CC: The Hon. Peter Mackay

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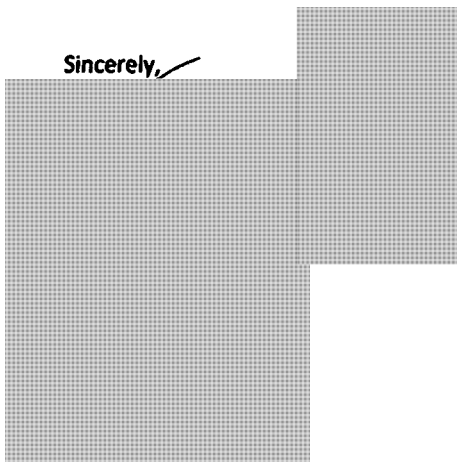
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As you may know, the RCMP kicked down the doors of over 1,000 homes and caused an extensive amount of property damage to homes already damaged by the flood, and even homes that were not affected at all. Some homes were returned to multiple times, and the RCMP would move on only when they discovered where the firearms were stored in these homes, taking them.

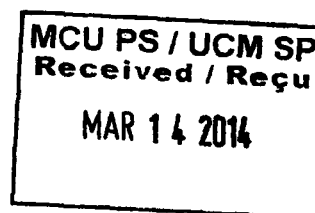
The RCMP has been caught in lie after lie on this issue. It is not so much about the firearms that were taken; it is that private, legally owned property was taken, without any right on the part of the party who took them. This is theft. It was also a serious breach of many people's Charter Rights. The parties responsible **MUST** be held accountable, for the sake of all Canadians.

Please do call a Judicial Inquiry into this matter.

Sincerely, 



February 5, 2014



Memo

To: The Hon. Steven Blaney

Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness

From: David Tilson, MP Dufferin-Caledon

Regarding:

I have been asked by a constituent living in my riding of Dufferin-Caledon for information on what the government is doing in response to the situation in High River.

Is there going to be an investigation into the situation where the RCMP confiscated guns during the Alberta floods?



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CANADA

**David Tilson**

Member of Parliament for Dufferin—Caledon

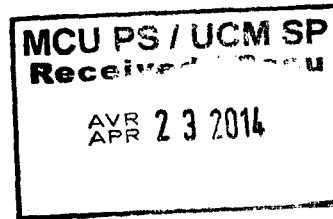
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February 7, 2014

Honourable Steven Blaney, MP  
Minister for Public Safety  
Room 173, East Block  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6



c.c.: Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Natural Resources, MP for Eglinton-Lawrence  
c.c.: Honourable Peter MacKay, MP, Minister of Justice, Attorney General of Canada

Need for Judicial Inquiry & Independent Investigation into RCMP's unlawful actions in High River, 2013.

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your continued service to Canada. I am very proud of our Conservative government and grateful for all its successes.

I am writing regarding an extremely important *national* issue impacting the rights and freedoms of all Canadians. I ask that you call for a judicial inquiry into the criminal actions of the *federal* RCMP in High River last year. These crimes include, but are not limited to, breaking into homes, stealing firearms and ammunition, destroying property, using gun registry records, threatening the citizens, and misleading and lying to the public. I am calling the RCMP "criminals" because we all know what happened at High River. The courts will surely impose the title formally.

The full Judicial inquiry would benefit:

1. Police: To regain lost public trust and respect. Rid the force of unsuitable command and field personnel, with hopefully a strong example of criminal charges and prison terms for the guilty officers. Increased pride in the force by the good decent law abiding officers would surely follow. Last, there would be a strong message to officers, in all forces, to not follow orders that are wrong and contrary to the law of the land.
2. Citizens: Regain lost trust and respect for police. New faith in judicial system, where police are not above the law. Provide comfort that we still have Common Law property rights.
3. Canada as a free & democratic society: There must never be another High River. The police must realize they are not above the law and that this is not a police state. A judicial inquiry is necessary for the sake of our freedoms and democratic institutions. Police would go back to their historic and true role of serving and protecting the public.

Unfortunately Police, across Canada, are evolving into overpaid, heavily armed, seemingly out of control, unaccountable, and very powerful "elite" group in society. Many constables/officers of varying ranks, across many police forces consider themselves above the law, whether on duty or off duty, and even when retired. There are few penalties for wrong-doing by police. The worst of sanctions for the few reported misdeeds seems to be staying home with pay or early retirement on a generous pension. Too many Police ignore and flaunt the very laws we entrust them to enforce. Citizens often witness police abuse of power and immunity to laws that the same citizens must follow. Sadly there is a growing mistrust and fear of police. This is aggravated by the recent, unwarranted, and growing disdain and disrespect shown by police to citizens.

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(Our world has changed so the ordinary law abiding taxpaying citizen, in his day-to-day life, fears the police more than he fears the criminal. At least the criminal fears the law. By contrast Police have no sanctions and have nothing to fear. (Police can bankrupt or brutalize a civilian on a whim and be backed by a submissive judiciary). This may be why the recent Conservative crime bills are not getting greater conservative support. We cannot trust the police with the powers they already have. The proposed laws might be effective policy and good law. It's the evolving mistrust of police that creates resistance by the public to grant further powers that may be abused).

The police actions at the G-20, "selective" law enforcement at Caledonia, CFO's ignoring C-19 and creating the Backdoor Gun Registry, and now, one of the most disgraceful and profoundly disturbing events in recent Canadian history, the High River Gun Grab, are a few and well publicized examples of how the police act above the law, and are not punished or even merely reigned-in. The taxpayer funded police, through their various associations (e.g. chiefs of police), unions, and media strategy have also inappropriately become very political; further insulating themselves from censure, and ensuring: more funding, military level equipment, and highly paid lawyers to use against the very people they are sworn to serve and protect.

For these profound and important reasons, an inquiry must be held, with criminal charges and penalties laid against constables, officers, command, and those civilians and military personal who assisted and covered up the High River break-ins and thefts. There must be real and serious penalties, not merely the usual promotions/relocations and golden parachutes. Trust in police must be rebuilt. If nothing is done, democracy will fall to ever-growing police power. If another emergency were to arise, the public would not obey an order to evacuate so they could stay behind to protect their homes and property from the police.

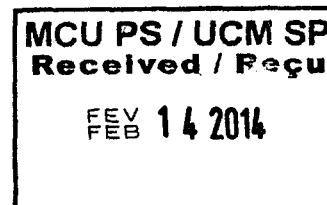
Recently, see how the Ontario CFO, typically, ignored a democratically elected Parliament and the (seemingly failed) Bill C-19. A mandatory provincial long gun registry exists at every retail gun store in Ontario. Unelected CFO's thumbed their noses to Parliament and those entrusted to create and change law. (It seems the RCMP illegally used the gun registry data to carry out their crimes at High River). There are few, if any sanctions, against police breaking the law, and unless something is done, it will only get worse as more and more police officers realize they can do whatever they want to whomever, regardless of the laws of the land. They, through our stupidity, naivety, and apathy will become the law.

I understand how fragile our democracy is and appreciate our freedoms in Canada. Minister, please do not let our country slide into the life of fear, mistrust and evil of a police state.

Thank you again for your service to our great country and for your help in protecting our freedoms and guarding our democracy. Please call for a full Judicial Inquiry into the RCMP actions.



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Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

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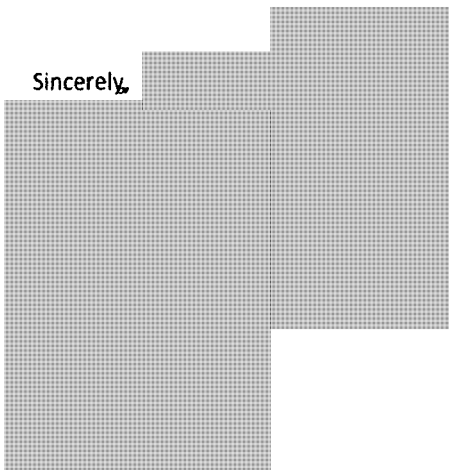
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**Roy-Cartier, Marjolaine**

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique Unité de la  
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**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

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Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 18 Feb 2014 12:26:47 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Bill C-68 >>>>

Mr. Prime Minister

Is my various serious concerns about the destruction of the gun registry?

It appears to me and other legal gun owners that, the chief firearms officers across the country are not doing their job as required by the order of Parliament to destroy the registry. The proof is in High River Alberta on how did the RCMP know that long guns were at that address. It's quite obvious that they did not destroy the data as directed by the law.

I seriously recommend that all chief firearms officers be terminated, because if no action is taken and the liberals get into power the registry will be resurrected. This is the only way to make sure that all of the firearms data is destroyed to protect lawful gun owners.

Thank you

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>>> Subject : PM Web Site Comments - Justice and Attorney General of Canada >>>>

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Comments/Commentaires : Dear Mr. Prime Minister, I am not sure this topic is right for what I have to say but since the RCMP are the 'national' police force I think its proper. The RCMP need to be held accountable for their blatant disregard for the lives and property of Canadian citizens as pertains to their unlawful break, enter and theft of peoples property in High River, Alberta during the flood in the summer of 2013. If the long gun registry was truly destroyed by act of Parliament then the officers involved in planning and staging this need to be held accountable. If I broke into a RCMP officers home while he or she was away rummaged around made a mess and destroyed things then took some of their belongings for the supposed safety, where do you think I'd be? Now you are introducing bills C-68 and C-17 that again targets law abiding citizens and their property. The RCMP should have no right to make up laws willy nilly. So many think that controlling guns in the hands of regular law abiding folks will prevent crime. Criminals will still have guns or other weapons and the citizens will have no means to protect themselves. The RCMP have shown they are not here to protect us, but in reality they are more dangerous than criminals if they can break into your house and take your belongings. I have been wondering why Canada, Australia and the USA suddenly all seem hell bent on 'disarming' their citizens. And that CSIS targets these same people who stand up for their rights, and stand up for their country. An election is coming up and it could go either way when gun owners who feel their rights are being violated by the current government may vote Liberal or NDP or may not vote at all as they see no fair representation for them and unfair and seemingly paranoid laws are enacted and then enforced by the RCMP whom Canadians have lost faith in. Sincerely, [REDACTED] a non-gun owner

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**Roy-Cartier, Marjolaine**

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**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 2:05 PM  
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**Cc:** Public Safety Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique Unité de la  
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**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

March 18, 2014

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Prime Minister, thank you for your e-mail of February 25 regarding the seizure of firearms by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in High River, Alberta. We appreciated the opportunity to review your comments and have taken note of your concerns.

We have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the Hon. Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. As this issue falls under Minister Blaney's jurisdiction, he is in the best position to respond to your concerns and we encourage you to dialogue directly with his office.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Assistant to the Prime Minister

/ [REDACTED]

cc The Hon. Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Safety and  
Emergency Preparedness

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 25 Feb 2014 02:29:44 PM >>>

>>> Subject : High River Enquiry into RCMP Seizure of Firearms >>>>

Dear Sir:

When the RCMP broke down household doors in High River during the floods in June, 2013, and confiscated firearms from homes, you yourself expressed some reservations about the legality, moral correctness and appearance of those actions.

It has now been 8 months since this happened and the public has heard nothing about a review of the RCMP's actions. I suggest that unless your government issues a report or calls an enquiry on this matter very soon, what little trust the public has left in the RCMP will be further weakened, along with the public's confidence in your leadership.

Sincerely,



**Roy-Cartier, Marjolaine**

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**From:** CIMS\_OPER <CIMSOPER@pco-bcp.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014 9:02 PM  
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Attention : Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

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March 7, 2014



On behalf of the Prime Minister, thank you for your correspondence of January 29. We appreciated having the opportunity to review your comments regarding our Government's communications strategy with respect to Canada Post and the Senate. We have also taken note of your concerns regarding the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and the Hon. Julian Fantino, Minister of Veterans Affairs.

We have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the Hon. Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. As the RCMP falls under the jurisdiction of Minister Blaney, he would be in the best position to address your concerns and we encourage you to dialogue directly with his office.

Our Government has the utmost respect for our brave men and women in uniform and we will never forget their sacrifices. We have reviewed your concerns regarding the Hon. Julian Fantino's January 28 meeting with a group of Canadian Veterans to discuss access to services. Please know that the Minister of Veterans Affairs regrets the events that transpired. He has apologized to these Veterans and looks forward to constructive meetings to address the important issues raised.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write. Your thoughtful input is greatly valued.

Sincerely,



Assistant to the Prime Minister



cc The Hon. Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

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29 January, 2014

Honorable Stephen Harper,  
Prime Minister,  
House of Commons,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I write you out of a sense of frustration, frustration due to a series of scandals, missteps in announcing & implementing public policy and poor explanations of why things have to change.

Changes to Canada Post are necessary and I have been without delivery to my front door for more than forty years but even then our service is poor and expensive compared to that found in the U.S. or European countries. If you properly explained why I believe the majority of Canadians would accept the changes.

The Senate scandal has been too consuming, and not altogether because of the Opposition tactics. By stalling, deflecting and hiding one can only conclude there is something to the accusations. Reform of the Senate is the only logical course, and I know the Government's position is before the court of justice, i.e. the Supreme Court of Canada, but what a painful and destructive (to the CPC) way of going about it. Young Mr. Trudeau's latest feeble attempt is nothing more than a smokescreen and totally useless but we need honesty, clarity and speed to lance this boil.

Not only is a growing number of Canadians losing faith

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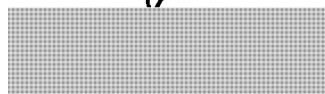
in your government but also are they losing faith in the RCMP. Recent incidents where someone has been tasered to death, beaten and the events caught on tape followed by lies and denials but now the actions of the RCMP during the flood in High River last year has touched a raw nerve. While this latter incident is being reviewed it is now more than seven months since it happened: it does not and need not take long to investigate. These delays only serve to heighten suspicion of the RCMP and the government that there is something to hide. And god forbid someone should say "lessons will be learned.". Our problem is that we rarely learn the lessons or use common sense.

Mr. Julian Fantino, unfortunately, doesn't seem to have much common sense when it comes to meeting with a group of visible people who are firmly in the public eye with the news about PTSD and veterans' pensions. The decision to close local Veterans' Offices that see little traffic makes sense but, again, the message has been badly handled.

I fear for Canada if Mr. Mulcair or Mr. Trudeau are elected to a minority or majority next year. I know that a year is a long time in politics but the current impression of your government is of incompetence, arrogance and uncaring, all tainted with the Senate scandal.

We need more than attack ads - we need leadership, strong, attractive / appealing platforms that make sense as we move into economic turbulence and some genuine understanding of what makes people tick.

Yours truly,





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Honorable Stephen Harper  
Prime Minister  
House of Commons,  
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Attention : Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

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March 10, 2014



Dear

On behalf of the Prime Minister, thank you for your recent correspondence. We appreciated receiving your positive input regarding his recent visit to Israel, the Palestinian Authority and Jordan. Please know your thoughtful words of encouragement are greatly valued.

We have also noted your concerns regarding the seizure of firearms by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in High River, Alberta. We have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the Hon. Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. As this issue falls under Minister Blaney's jurisdiction, he is in the best position to respond to your concerns and we encourage you to dialogue directly with his office.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Assistant to the Prime Minister



cc The Hon. Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

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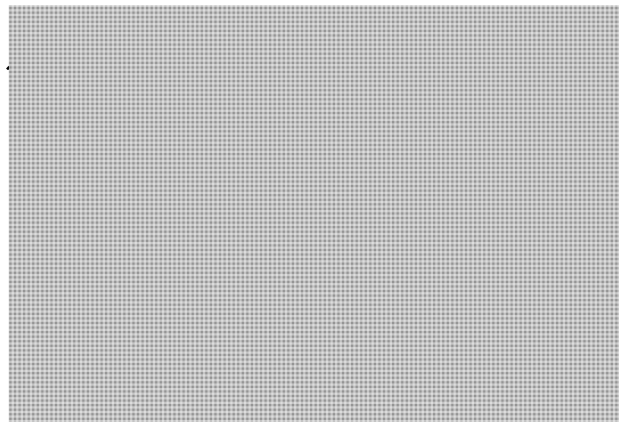
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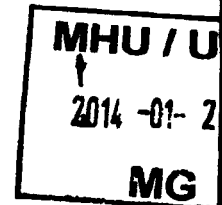
On behalf of [REDACTED] AND myself  
We would like to thank you for  
supporting Israel. That issue is important  
to us. We also thank you for good  
governing AND we support you in this  
also.

On negative note I hope your  
Government will call someone to account  
for the gun grab in Alberta. I have  
lost a lot of confidence in the  
RCMP. I feel they had no respect  
for the home owners or their property.

Thanks for abolishing  
gun registration



Prime minister  
STEPHAN HARPER  
OTTAWA ONT  
CANADA



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**From:** [webmail@ps-sp.gc.ca](mailto:webmail@ps-sp.gc.ca)  
**To:** Public Safety Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique Unité de la correspondance ministérielle (PS/SP)  
**Subject:** WEBMAIL: Decriminalizing Firearms Possession  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 25, 2014 2:52:28 PM

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**Salutation**  
**First Name**  
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**Organization**  
**Address**  
**City**  
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**Postal / Zip Code**  
**Email**  
**Subject** Decriminalizing Firearms Possession  
**Comments** Greetings Minister Blaney:

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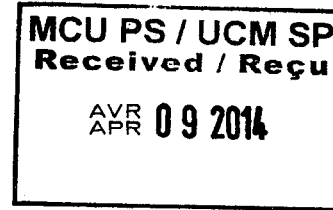
When are you going to begin a strident process of decriminalizing the Firearms Act? I [REDACTED] since the unnecessary prohibitions of several devices and firearms arose. I know that the party is the only one that'll give firearms owners a 'break' at all, so I'm going to continue supporting it.

However: Law abiding firearms owners should not continue to be criminalized for possessing firearms. I understand that the sections 91 and 92 of the criminal code are the culprits. I think the process should begin with the direction of returning to the FAC system or start with a path that removes penalization for owning prohibited devices. Can't the regulations be shelved via order in council?

Cheers, [REDACTED]

March 27, 2014

**Right Honourable Stephen Harper**  
**Prime Minister of Canada**  
**Office of the Prime Minister**  
**80 Wellington Street**  
**Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A2**



Re: Need for Judicial Inquiry into RCMP Actions at High River, Alberta, Summer, 2013.

Dear Prime Minister Harper,

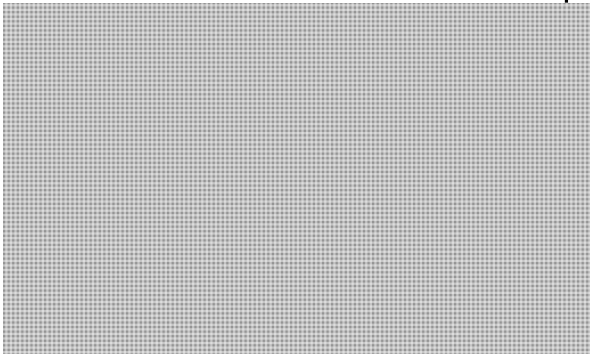
I again applaud you for standing up for the residents of High River Alberta and for all fellow Canadians. Thank you for your leadership.

For the sake of our rights and freedoms, I am again asking you to order a judicial inquiry, with true and real sanctions, into the illegal actions and subsequent cover-up, by the RCMP in High River last summer.

The RCMP has shamefully failed Canadians. Most distressingly, officers treated the citizenry with such deplorable disdain.

Something must be done immediately to regain the lost trust in the RCMP. If this unaccountable and failing institution cannot be fixed, it should be disbanded before it causes further harm to Canadian society. Canadians need to be protected from their seemingly out of control national police force.

Thank you again Prime Minister for speaking up. Thank you for your leadership in the face of the flooding. Thank you for standing up for the rule of law and for the rights and freedoms of Canadians. You make us proud.



Copied:

Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Finance, Member of Parliament for Eglinton-Lawrence.

~~Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister for Public Safety.~~

Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice.

**Roy-Cartier, Marjolaine**

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**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2014 1:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Public Safety Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique Unité de la  
correspondance ministérielle (PS/SP)  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your e-mail to the Prime Minister.

Please be assured that your comments have been noted. I have taken the liberty of forwarding your e-mail to the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, for his information.

Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister.

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
Agent de correspondance  
de la haute direction

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 27 Mar 2014 02:49:30 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Request for Public Inquiry... >>>>

Dear Prime Minister Harper,

based on the documentation revealed in the attachment below, it appears that numerous violations were perpetrated upon High River homeowners by the RCMP. We were brought up to obey and have respect for our police forces in Canada. This tawdry episode makes us very leery of Canada's law enforcement agency and we respectfully request a public inquiry to address these concerns. God bless you and God help Canada (definitely up North, but apparently not so strong and free).

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

<[http://www.cdnshootingsports.org/2014/03/Eighth Letter to RCMP Public Complaints Commissioner-20140324.pdf](http://www.cdnshootingsports.org/2014/03/Eighth%20Letter%20to%20RCMP%20Public%20Complaints%20Commissioner-20140324.pdf)>

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The Honourable Peter Mackay  
Minister of Justice  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

March 28, 2014

The Honourable Steve Blaney  
Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ministers Mackay and Blaney,

I am writing to call your attention to the serious allegations of misconduct against the RCMP during the flood in High River, Alberta between June 21<sup>st</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

From the reports I have seen, and the stories I have heard, RCMP conduct during the natural disaster was unacceptable and beyond their mandate of public safety and order.

I understand the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP is conducting an investigation, but the Commission has a limited ability in achieving justice for law-abiding citizens whose rights were violated by the RCMP.

I owe it to the citizens of High River, Alberta, and to law-abiding gun owners across the country, to launch a judicial inquiry into RCMP conduct and guarantee that the rights of all Canadian citizens are protected.

Sincerely,

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## Roy-Cartier, Marjolaine

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**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 02, 2014 1:18 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Peter G. MacKay; Public Safety Ministerial Correspondence Unit / Sécurité publique  
Unité de la correspondance ministérielle (PS/SP)  
**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre

Dear [REDACTED]

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence to the Prime Minister.  
Thank you for writing to the Prime Minister with your encouraging words of support for his work and leadership. You  
may be assured that your thoughtful gesture was most appreciated.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your email to the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and  
Emergency Preparedness, and the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, for  
their information.

Once again, thank you for writing.

S. Russell  
Executive Correspondence Officer  
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de la haute direction

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>>> From: [REDACTED] Received : 27 Mar 2014 05:17:47 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Crimea >>>>

The Prime Minister of Canada  
Mr. Stephen Harper

Mr. Prime Minister,

Once again I find myself praising your gov't for taking the lead to defend our freedom and security. Thank you  
for having the moral clarity to define the Russians excursion into Crimea for what it is, the subjugation of a sovereign  
nation. Your defense of the free world is even more vitally important, given the absence of leadership from the U.S.  
President. I just hope the free-world survives amateur hour at the white house.

Time and again you have demonstrated your willingness to defend our freedoms, which makes it that much more difficult and embarrassing to bring to your attention, the deterioration of freedoms in Canada. As I see it, we have out-of-control bureaucracies in Canada that are hell-bent on dismantling our freedoms.

In High-River Alberta we see our National Police Force break down the doors of over 1,700 homes to confiscate the private property of the householders , their firearms. Now the same RCMP have arbitrarily changed some firearms from Non-restricted status to Prohibited. It's hard to come to any other conclusion, the bureaucracy is against citizens having firearms. The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled in the Bill Whatcot case that '...the truth was not a defense..'. Instead of interpreting the law, the Supreme Court has taken it upon themselves to 'make' the law.

Your government Mr. Prime Minister has been exemplary on a number of important files and have far exceeded my expectations. Lets not let Canada, rot from the inside. We need to exercise some control over our bureaucracies. The RCMP has no authority to make the law, nor does the Supreme Court. They are exercising their power beyond their mandate and must be corrected.

Concerned Canadian



## Roy-Cartier, Marjolaine

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**From:** Prime Minister/Premier Ministre <PM@pm.gc.ca>  
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**Subject:** Office of the Prime Minister / Cabinet du Premier ministre  
**Attachments:** JudicialInquiryneededHighRiverGunGrabSigned\_docx.pdf

April 2, 2014

[REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

On behalf of the Prime Minister, thank you for your correspondence of March 18, and your attached letter to the Hon. Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness. We greatly valued your thoughtful words of encouragement regarding the Prime Minister's recent visit to Ukraine.

We also appreciated receiving your positive input with respect to the conclusion of negotiations for a bilateral free trade agreement with the Republic of Korea. The Canada-Korea Free Trade Agreement, our country's first with an Asian market, will create thousands of new jobs in Canada and provide Canadian businesses and workers with a gateway to Asia, enhancing their global competitiveness.

We have noted your request for a judicial inquiry into the seizure of firearms by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in High River, Alberta. As this matter falls under the jurisdiction of Minister Blaney, we encourage you to continue your dialogue with his office.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Assistant to the Prime Minister

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cc The Hon. Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

>>> From : [REDACTED] Received : 18 Mar 2014 01:53:32 PM >>>

>>> Subject : Judicial Inquiry into RCMP actions at High River >>>>

Dear Prime Minister Harper.

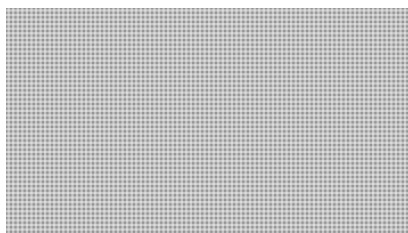
Thank you again for your excellent leadership and the many successes of our Conservative government. Congratulations on the new trade agreements with South Korea.

Best wishes on your extremely important visit to the Ukraine.

Further to my July 3rd, 2013 letter to you requesting a Judicial Inquiry into the disappointing and troubling events last year in High River, I recently sent the attached to Minister Blaney, and copied Ministers MacKay and Oliver (MP for my riding).

Please consider my request for the Judicial Inquiry.

Thank you,



February 7, 2014

Honourable Steven Blaney, MP  
Minister for Public Safety  
Room 173, East Block  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6

c.c.: Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Natural Resources, MP for Eglinton-Lawrence  
c.c.: Honourable Peter MacKay, MP, Minister of Justice, Attorney General of Canada

**Need for Judicial Inquiry & Independent Investigation into RCMP's unlawful actions in High River, 2013.**

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your continued service to Canada. I am very proud of our Conservative government and grateful for all its successes.

I am writing regarding an extremely important *national* issue impacting the rights and freedoms of all Canadians. I ask that you call for a judicial inquiry into the criminal actions of the *federal* RCMP in High River last year. These crimes include, but are not limited to, breaking into homes, stealing firearms and ammunition, destroying property, using gun registry records, threatening the citizens, and misleading and lying to the public. I am calling the RCMP "criminals" because we all know what happened at High River. The courts will surely impose the title formally.

The full Judicial inquiry would benefit:

1. **Police:** To regain lost public trust and respect. Rid the force of unsuitable command and field personnel, with hopefully a strong example of criminal charges and prison terms for the guilty officers. Increased pride in the force by the good decent law abiding officers would surely follow. Last, there would be a strong message to officers, in all forces, to not follow orders that are wrong and contrary to the law of the land.
2. **Citizens:** Regain lost trust and respect for police. New faith in judicial system, where police are not above the law. Provide comfort that we still have Common Law property rights.
3. **Canada as a free & democratic society:** There must never be another High River. The police must realize they are not above the law and that this is not a police state. A judicial inquiry is necessary for the sake of our freedoms and democratic institutions. Police would go back to their historic and true role of serving and protecting the public.

Unfortunately Police, across Canada, are evolving into overpaid, heavily armed, seemingly out of control, unaccountable, and very powerful "elite" group in society. Many constables/officers of varying ranks, across many police forces consider themselves above the law, whether on duty or off duty, and even when retired. There are few penalties for wrong-doing by police. The worst of sanctions for the few reported misdeeds seems to be staying home with pay or early retirement on a generous pension. Too many Police ignore and flaunt the very laws we entrust them to enforce. Citizens often witness police abuse of power and immunity to laws that the same citizens must follow. Sadly there is a growing mistrust and fear of police. This is aggravated by the recent, unwarranted, and growing disdain and disrespect shown by police to citizens.

(Our world has changed so the ordinary law abiding taxpaying citizen, in his day-to-day life, fears the police more than he fears the criminal. At least the criminal fears the law. By contrast Police have no sanctions and have nothing to fear. (Police can bankrupt or brutalize a civilian on a whim and be backed by a submissive judiciary). This may be why the recent Conservative crime bills are not getting greater conservative support. We cannot trust the police with the powers they already have. The proposed laws might be effective policy and good law. It's the evolving mistrust of police that creates resistance by the public to grant further powers that may be abused).

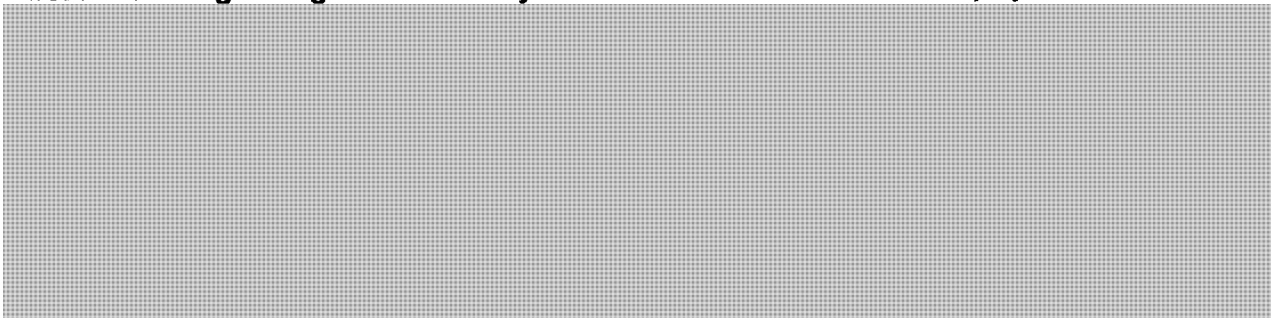
The police actions at the G-20, "selective" law enforcement at Caledonia, CFO's ignoring C-19 and creating the Backdoor Gun Registry, and now, one of the most disgraceful and profoundly disturbing events in recent Canadian history, the High River Gun Grab, are a few and well publicized examples of how the police act above the law, and are not punished or even merely reigned-in. The taxpayer funded police, through their various associations (e.g. chiefs of police), unions, and media strategy have also inappropriately become very political; further insulating themselves from censure, and ensuring: more funding, military level equipment, and highly paid lawyers to use against the very people they are sworn to serve and protect.

For these profound and important reasons, an inquiry must be held, with criminal charges and penalties laid against constables, officers, command, and those civilians and military personnel who assisted and covered up the High River break-ins and thefts. There must be real and serious penalties, not merely the usual promotions/relocations and golden parachutes. Trust in police must be rebuilt. If nothing is done, democracy will fall to ever-growing police power. If another emergency were to arise, the public would not obey an order to evacuate so they could stay behind to protect their homes and property from the police.

Recently, see how the Ontario CFO, typically, ignored a democratically elected Parliament and the (seemingly failed) Bill C-19. A mandatory provincial long gun registry exists at every retail gun store in Ontario. Unelected CFO's thumbed their noses to Parliament and those entrusted to create and change law. (It seems the RCMP illegally used the gun registry data to carry out their crimes at High River). There are few, if any sanctions, against police breaking the law, and unless something is done, it will only get worse as more and more police officers realize they can do whatever they want to whomever, regardless of the laws of the land. They, through our stupidity, naivety, and apathy will become the law.

\_\_\_\_\_ and as one who experienced life behind the iron curtain, I understand how fragile our democracy is and appreciate our freedoms in Canada. Minister, please do not let our country slide into the life of fear, mistrust and evil of a police state.

Thank you again for your service to our great country and for your help in protecting our freedoms and guarding our democracy. Please call for a full Judicial Inquiry into the RCMP



## Roy-Cartier, Marjolaine

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Attention : Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P., Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness

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I would like to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence addressed to the Prime Minister.

Please be assured that your comments have been carefully reviewed. As a copy of your letter has already been sent to the Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, I am certain that your views will be given every consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Correspondence Officer

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**Right Honourable Stephen Harper  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A2**

**Re: Need for Judicial Inquiry into RCMP Actions at High River, Alberta, Summer, 2013.**

**Dear Prime Minister Harper,**

**I again applaud you for standing up for the residents of High River Alberta and for all fellow Canadians. Thank you for your leadership.**

**For the sake of our rights and freedoms, I am again asking you to order a judicial inquiry, with true and real sanctions, into the illegal actions and subsequent cover-up, by the RCMP in High River last summer.**

**The RCMP has shamefully failed Canadians. Most distressingly, officers treated the citizenry with such deplorable disdain.**

**Something must be done immediately to regain the lost trust in the RCMP. If this unaccountable and failing institution cannot be fixed, it should be disbanded before it causes further harm to Canadian society. Canadians need to be protected from their seemingly out of control national police force.**

**Thank you again Prime Minister for speaking up. Thank you for your leadership in the face of the flooding. Thank you for standing up for the rule of law and for the rights and freedoms of Canadians. You make us proud.**

**Copied:**

**Honourable Joe Oliver, Minister of Finance, Member of Parliament for Eglinton-Lawrence.  
Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister for Public Safety.  
Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Justice.**

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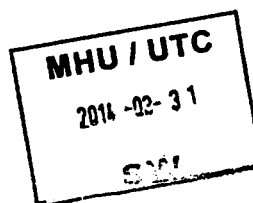
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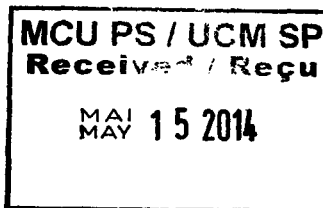
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May 8, 2014

**Honourable Steven Blaney, MP  
Minister for Public Safety  
Room 173, East Block  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6**



CC: Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada  
Honourable Joe Oliver, MP, Minister of Finance, Member of Parliament for Eglinton-Lawrence,  
Honourable Peter MacKay, MP, Minister of Justice, Attorney General of Canada

**Re: Immediate Need for Judicial Inquiry into RCMP Actions at High River, Alberta, 2013.**

Dear Minister Blaney,

Thank you for your continued hard work and the resulting successes for Canada. I am very proud of our Conservative government.

I am writing because I am deeply concerned about the events at High River Alberta last summer.


As absolutely nothing has resulted from apparent and promised investigations by the Mounties in response to their criminal activities at High River last year, please immediately order a Judicial Inquiry into the RCMP's illegal activities.

In my lifetime, the break-ins and thefts by the RCMP is one of the most shameful, disappointing, and disturbing events in Canadian history. Our trust, respect, and reliance in an institution have evolved into fear.

The RCMP have failed Canadians and acted no better than common criminals – armed thieves. The Force can never be trusted again. If an Inquiry, with severe criminal sanctions, is not undertaken, they will have gotten away with it. They will keep threatening, breaking into homes, using LGR data (contrary to C-19), and stealing from the citizenry who, now regretfully, gave them the authority, financing, and weapons to carry out these criminal acts.

Every Officer who participated, directly and indirectly, in the High River break-ins and thefts should be charged criminally, prosecuted, and severely punished. Most importantly, must never have police authority in any jurisdiction – ever. They could never be worthy of public trust again. Canadians need to be protected from their seemingly out of control national police force. If the entire RCMP has to be disbanded in order to stop the lawlessness, then please consider such severe, but necessary, action.

Thank you for standing up for the rule of law and for the rights and freedoms of Canadians. Please protect Canadians and our democracy from this failed police institution.



The Honorable Steven Blaney

Mr. Harper I am writing today to express my sincere disappointment with the lack of action from the federal government on the High River gun grab. As a firearms owner my initial point of view was from this perspective. However the more thought I given this issue the more concerned I am becoming. This issue has little to do with firearms, although that is plainly the motivating factor for the RCMP, but more to do with property rights.

Recent evidence suggests that the police broke into twice as many homes after the flood waters receded than during the emergency. They continued to do so for nearly three full weeks after the flood and more than two weeks after the first evacuees had been give the all-clear to return to their homes.

In addition, nearly half the firearms seized were from homes entered on a second trip. According to independent research from Denis Young, they also seized crossbows, musket powder, bayonets and pellet guns.

What in the world were the police doing? The people of High River were victims of the flood and now also appear to be victims of their government. The actions of the RCMP are criminal and they must be held accountable at every level for what they have done. Anything less is willful support of their actions.

